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YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ GP VOLUME 4.

AND THIS PAGE IS HERE BECAUSE I WANTED A CREDITS PAGE, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A SLIGHTLY ADAPTED VERSION OF THE EXTRA PAGE I ADDED TO VOLUME ONE.

SERIES INFO (YOU SHOULD HAVE READ ALL YOU NEED TO VOLUME 3 ALREADY, BUT HINAFENYS.)

THIS IS "GP." TAKAHASHI HIROSHI DID THIS 8 VOLUME (+1 GAIDEN) SERIES AFTER HE FINISHED CROWS BUT BEFORE HE STARTED WORST. DESPITE HAVING PRETTY MUCH NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER SERIES, GP DOES IN FACT TAKE PLACE IN THE SAME UNIVERSE.

THE CHARACTERS IN THIS SERIES ARE SLIGHTLY OLDER THAN IN CROWS/WORST, HAVING ALREADY GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, BUT SEVERAL VOLUMES TAKE PLACE IN A FLASHBACK ABOUT GP'S SCHOOL LIFE, SO IT STILL RETAINS MUCH OF THE SAME ATMOSPHERE SHARED BY THE SUZURAN-VERSE SERIES.

CREDITS:

I, **BANCHOU**, AM TRANSLATING AND EDITING THIS SERIES ON MY OWN AS A LITTLE SIDE PROJECT FROM WORST. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO FINISH IT WITHIN MY SUMMER VACATION, BUT I'M NOT MAKING ANY GUARANTEES.

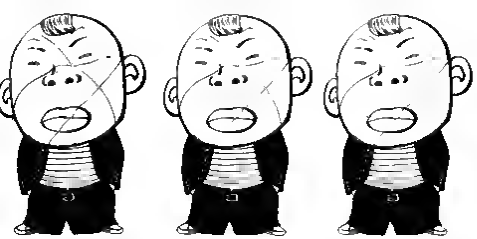
ALSO, THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE READ WORST (WHICH I THINK WILL BE MOST OF YOU) MIGHT NOTICE THAT THE PAGE QUALITY IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE EARLY WORST SCANS, WHICH IS TO SAY, KINDA GOOD BUT NOT REALLY. ALSO, THERE ARE SOME REALLY AWFUL PAGES AND PANELS STREWN THROUGHOUT ALL THE VOLUMES, AND WITH MY MEAGER EDITING SKILLS I'M NOT GOING TO BOTHER IMPROVING MOST OF THEM. JUST A WORD OF WARNING.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

TO DISCUSS GP AND ALSO CROWS AND WORST (AND BE THE FIRST TO GET NEW RELEASES OF ALL THESE SERIES), GO TO HTTP://CROWSXWORST.COM/

BUT FIRST OF ALL, JUST GO AND READ THIS FOURTH VOLUME OF GP!

P.S. HALFWAY DONE WITH THE MAIN SERIES, HURRAH!



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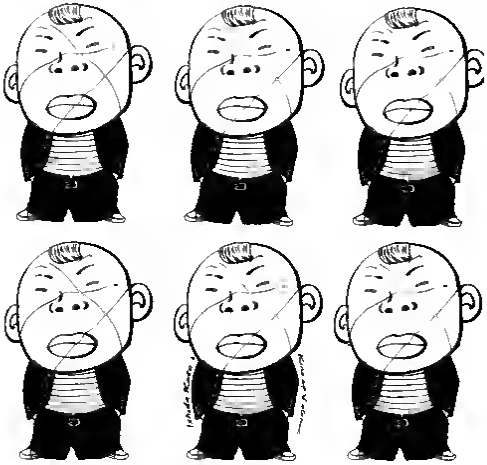

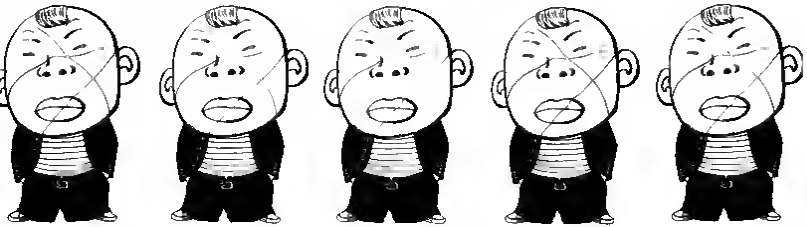

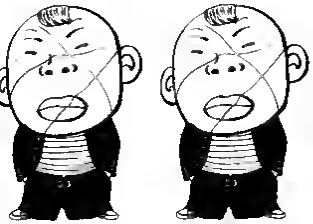

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ONE ORDINARY SUMMER DAY, A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A MASSIVE INCIDENT. A CERTAIN GRADE SCHOOL CLOSED DOWN FOR TWO WEEKS AS A RESULT OF AN OUTBREAK OF MASS FOOD POISONING, CAUSED BY THE SCHOOL LUNCH.

HOWEVER, AMONG ALL THE PERSONNEL AND ALL THE STUDENTS, THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO DIDN'T SHOW ANY SYMPTOMS...

DESPITE HAVING EATEN TWICE AS MUCH AS ANYONE ELSE...

WHO? YOU ASK? GRADE SCHOOL, SECOND YEAR, ISHIDA KOTORI.

HEALTH CARE CENTER EMPLOYEES AND DOCTORS ARE STILL TRYING TO WRAP THEIR MINDS ABOUT THIS ENIGMA...

CHAPTER 21: *EXTRATERRITORIAL FRESHMEN*

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IT'S QP!
WHAT THE?! THIS JACKASS, HE'S GOT "MAYONNAISE" WRITTEN ON HIS BACK!
IS HE SCREWING WITH US?!
THIS IS QP!

SO YOU'RE ISHIDA KOTORI ...
YOU'RE GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO PISS US OFF.
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STOP SCREWING AROUND, YOU LITTLE DIPSHIT!
EEK!
W-- WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...
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I--I'M A NEW STUDENT HERE, NAME'S KUBO...
ON MY WAY HERE, I WAS AMBUSHED BY SOME STRANGE GUYS. THEY TOLD ME TO WEAR THIS TO SCHOOL OR THEY'D GIVE ME TWO EXTRA NOSTRILS...
WHAT?
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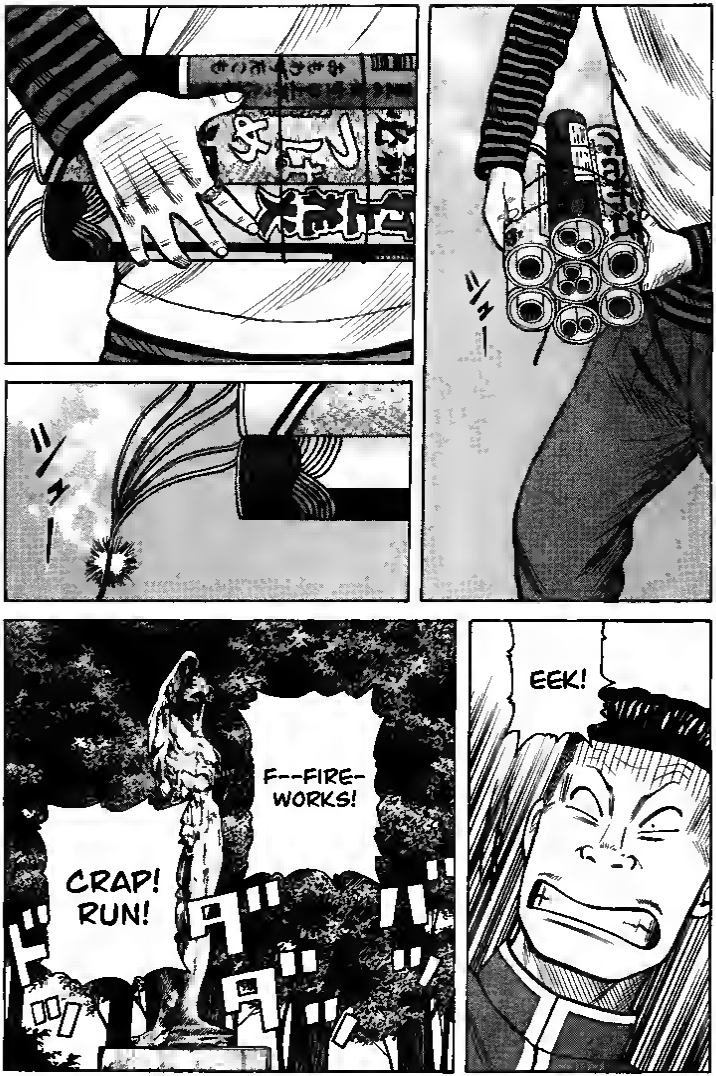
DEARLY BELOVED UPPER-CLASS-MEN!

STARTING TODAY, WE'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK AFTER US!
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A GIFT FROM US!

HUH?
W--WAIT UP! WHAT'S HE CARRYING?

I--IT'S NARAOKA! NARAOKA TSUNE-YOSHI!
SON OF A BITCH ...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EEK!
F--FIRE-WORKS!
CRAP! RUN!

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SMOKE BOMBS!
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING!
OW! WHAT THE HELL?!
THAT HURTS!
UGH!
UGH!
LOOK AROUND YOU!
MORONS! CALM DOWN!
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GD! HE'S GOTTA BE HERE SOME-WHERE!

KEW--
QP!

HEY, MOMOTA! BONTEN FORTRESS HAS RAISED THE WHITE FLAG.
...
KIN AND GIN WERE BOTH HOSPITALIZED AFTER THEY GOT HIT ON THE HEAD WITH THE MILK BOTTLE ...
HUH?!
IT ALSO RESULTED IN A WEEK LONG SUSPENSION FOR THE FOUR OF THEM...
THANKS TO THE SMOKESCREEN BRAWL INCIDENT OF BONTEN HIGH, KOTORI AND THE GUYS WERE ABLE GET BONTEN INTO A SUBMISSION HOLD FROM THEIR VERY FIRST DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL ...

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ONE WEEK LATER.
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SO, HOW ARE THOSE TWO?
THEY'RE PRETTY MUCH UP AND RUNNING AGAIN.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE DAMAGE TO THEIR EGOS WAS A LOT MORE SEVERE. THEY PROBABLY WON'T BE BACK FOR A WHILE.
...
CAN'T SAY I BLAME 'EM. THEY WERE AT THE TOP FOR LESS THAN A DAY BEFORE THEY GOT KICKED OFF OF THE THRONE

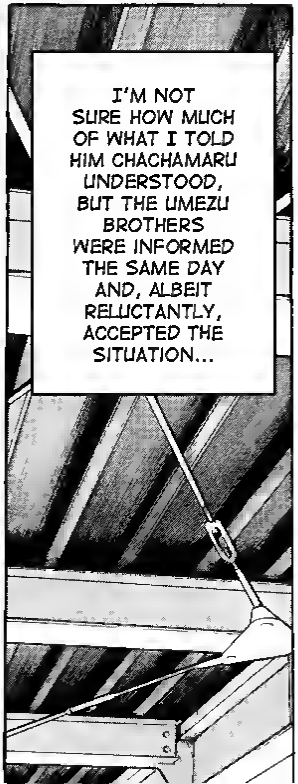
I DON'T MIND THAT YOU'RE YOUNGER.
JUST CALL ME CHACHA-MARU. EVERYONE DOES!
ABOUT THAT, SENPAI ...
HUH?
WE DIDN'T DO WHAT WE DID BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BE AT THE TOP OF THIS PLACE...
WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT IT WAS OUR WAY OF DEFENDING OURSELVES AGAINST ALL THE GUYS THAT WERE WAITING TO TAKE US OUT.
WE HAD TO DO IT TO MAKE SURE THINGS DIDN'T GET COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND.

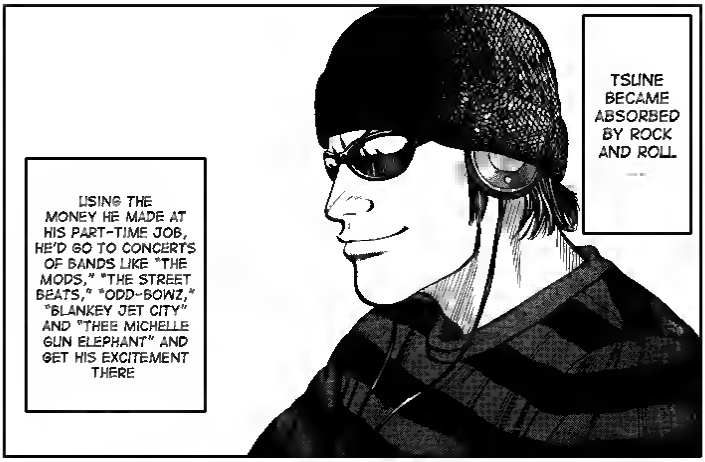
IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE FINE WITH THE UMEZU BROTHERS BEING AT THE TOP OF BONTEN.
WE WON'T MESS WITH THE UPPERCLASSMEN SO LONG AS THEY DON'T MESS WITH US. WE'RE HERE TO STAY, SO WE'LL EVEN USE PROPER ETIQUETTE TOWARDS OUR SENIORS AND EVERYTHING.
SO THEN, NOTHING WILL CHANGE,
AND YOU'LL EVEN FOLLOW US?
WE WON'T FOLLOW ANYONE ELSE.
WE ONLY FOLLOW OUR-SELVES.

EX-TRA-TER-RI-TO-RI-AL...?
WE'RE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL GUYS, CHACHA-MARU-SAN.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
LIKE, IF YOU GUYS GET INTO A FIGHT WITH OUTSIDERS, WE WON'T INTERFERE, AND IF THE REST OF US GET INTO A FIGHT WITH OUTSIDERS, YOU WON'T HELP US OUT...?
SO, WHAT? YOU'LL STAY AT BONTEN BUT DO YOUR OWN THING...?
THAT'S RIGHT. IF YOU PEOPLE CAN ACCEPT THAT, THEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ALONG FINE.
BUT WHETHER WE DO OR NOT, WILL BE UP TO US.
I DIDN'T SAY WE WON'T HELP YOU.

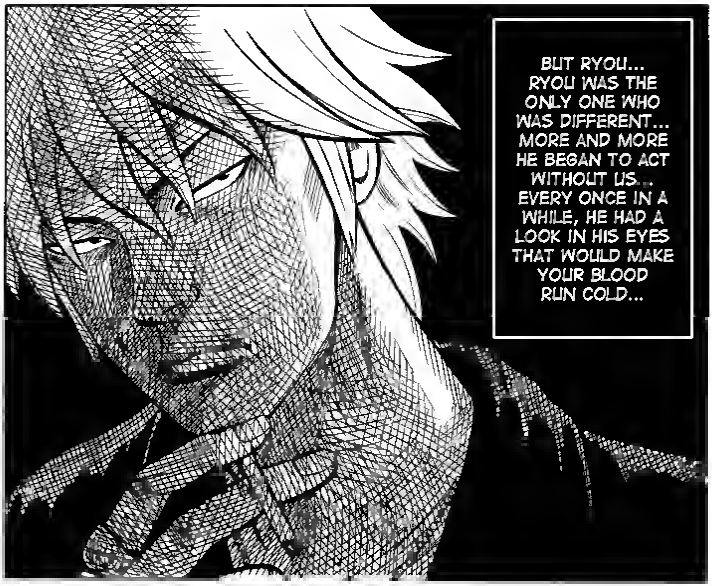
EX-TRA-TER-RI-TO-RI-AL...

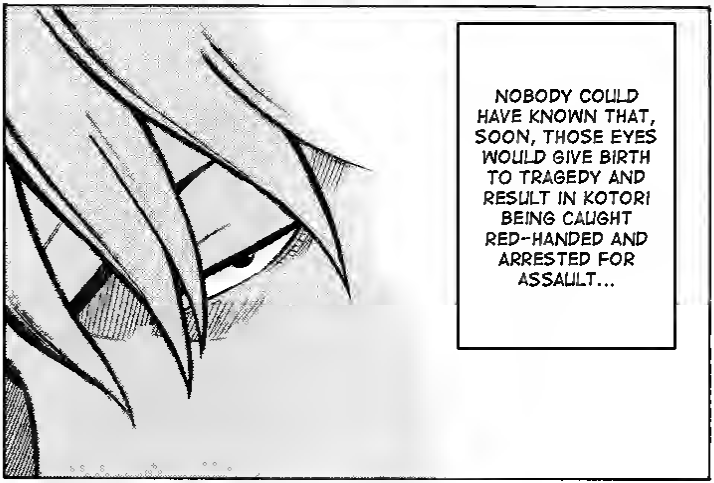
WE FOUGHT EVERY DAY, DAY AND NIGHT, BUT STILL, SLOWLY BUT SURELY, WE WERE CHANGING ...
IN MY CASE, I HAD ALREADY DECIDED I'D BECOME A CARPENTER AFTER I WOULD GRADUATE. I BECAME MORE INVOLVED WITH CHASING SKIRTS THAN FIGHTING ...


I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH OF WHAT I TOLD HIM CHACHAMARU UNDERSTOOD, BUT THE UMEZU BROTHERS WERE INFORMED THE SAME DAY AND, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, ACCEPTED THE SITUATION...


TSUNE BECAME ABSORBED BY ROCK AND ROLL...
USING THE MONEY HE MADE AT HIS PART-TIME JOB, HE'D GO TO CONCERTS OF BANDS LIKE "THE MODS," "THE STREET BEATS," "ODD-BOWZ," "BLANKEY JET CITY" AND "THEE MICHELLE GUN ELEPHANT" AND GET HIS EXCITEMENT THERE

EVEN KOTORI, THE KING OF VIOLENCE HIMSELF, SLOWLY BEGAN TO SHED THAT IMAGE...


BUT RYOU... RYOU WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS DIFFERENT... MORE AND MORE HE BEGAN TO ACT WITHOUT US... EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, HE HAD A LOOK IN HIS EYES THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR BLOOD RUN COLD...


NOBODY COULD HAVE KNOWN THAT, SOON, THOSE EYES WOULD GIVE BIRTH TO TRAGEDY AND RESULT IN KOTORI BEING CAUGHT RED-HANDED AND ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT...

CHAPTER 22:
RYOU'S RESTLESS MOVEMENT...
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AND I'M DEAD SET ON ROCKING OUT TO "FULL MOON" AT THE ODD-BOWZ LIVE IN MAY...
THE NAME'S NARAOKA TSUNEYOSHI, 16 YEARS OLD, AND I'M A ROCK AND ROLL FIEND!

HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD? SUGIMOTO, THAT SECOND YEAR FROM NONOSHIMA TECH, HE WAS HOSPITALIZED AFTER FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS AT THE STATION!
YOU'RE JOKING!
I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT OF THAT LATELY.
AND THE OTHER DAY, THEIR THIRD YEAR BOSS, SHIROYAMA, GOT INTO A BIKE ACCI-DENT!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... BOTH THE SECOND AND THIRD YEAR BOSSES ARE IN THE HOSPITAL. THE FRESHMEN ARE CALLING THE SHOTS NOW.

THE RUMORS WERE CORRECT. SECOND AND THIRD YEAR LEADERS FROM EVERY HIGH SCHOOL APPEARED TO GET INTO ACCIDENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE POWER OF THE FRESHMEN KEPT INCREASING.
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WAIT UP!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO APOLOGIZE IF YOU RUN INTO SOMEONE!

RELAX, RYOU...
EXCUSE YOU?
TCH. LET'S GO.
IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, PLEASE FORGIVE US.
WE'RE VERY SORRY UMEZU-SAN...
LET IT GO, RYOU. C'MON.
...

HMM. I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...
SO ANYWAY, HOW 'BOUT IT? THERE'S A "BEATS" LIVE AT THE END OF THE MONTH, AND "THE MODS" ARE GOING ON TOUR AGAIN NEXT SUMMER!
HAAH ...

HA... HAAH
CHOO!
CHOO!
HMM?
...
DAMMIT. IS SOMEONE TALKING SMACK ABOUT ME AGAIN?

O--OH SHIT!
EEK!
STOP RIGHT THERE!
...
TURN AROUND.

LOOK NORMAL.
EEK!
HMM. YOU LOOK STRANGELY FAMILIAR ...
HAVE WE MET BEFORE?
Y--YOU MUST BE MISTAKING ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE. HAHA.
BYE ...

FFFFF!
HEY, MOMOTA! I'M BORROWING THIS!
AH! I REMEMBER NOW! YOU'RE THAT "AOI SANGOSHOU" GUY!

H--
HEY!
WAIT
UP!
SHIT,
GOTTA
RUN!
HUH?
HIDETORA...
HOW'S HIDE-
TORA-SAN?

WHEN HE LOST TO YOU... HIS FACE WAS ALL MESSED UP. HE LOOKED LIKE HE COULD BARELY STAND STRAIGHT...
"I LOST COMPLETELY. THAT GUY'S AMAZING," HE SAID, WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.
I'D NEVER SEEN HIDE LIKE THAT BEFORE.
FOR A SECOND THERE I THOUGHT HE'D LOST IT.
REALLY...
HE WENT TO SEIDOU HIGH, RIGHT?

...
BUT WE PLAN ON FOLLOWING HIM REGARDLESS, WHEREVER IT TAKES US.
YEAH. THE HIDETORA ASSOCIATION DOESN'T EXIST ANY-MORE,
...
TELL HIM... TELL HIM ISHIDA KOTORI SAYS HI.
SURE!

OH SHI--
AND ONE MORE THING...
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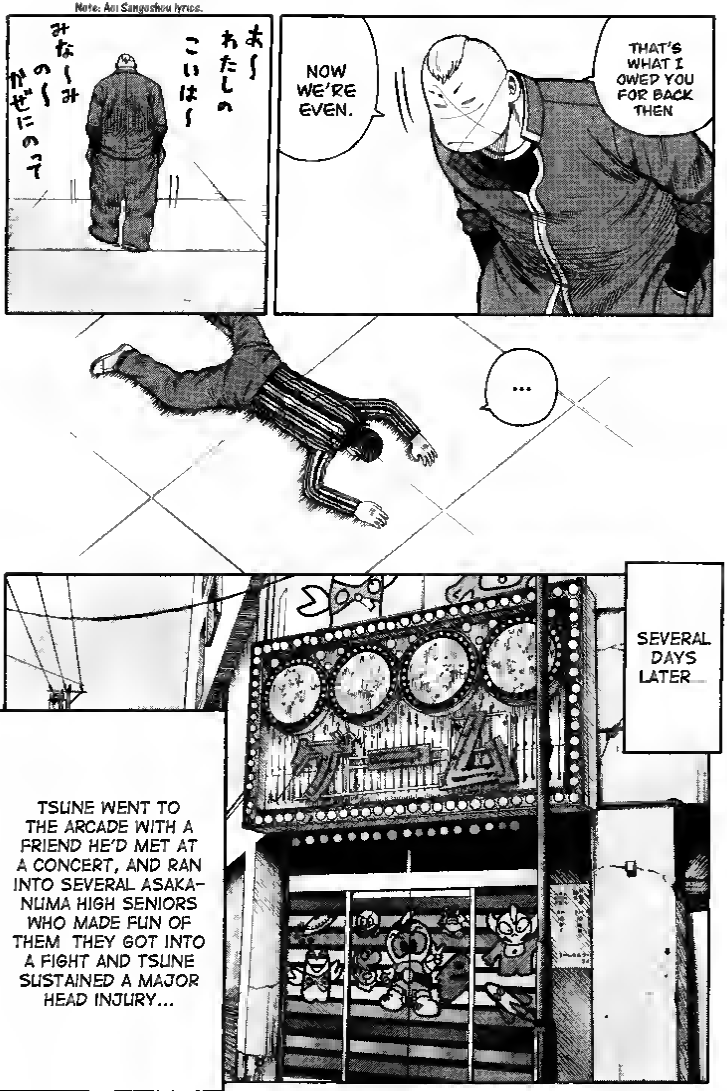
Note: Aoi Sangoshou lyrics.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THAT'S WHAT I OWED YOU FOR BACK THEN
NOW WE'RE EVEN.
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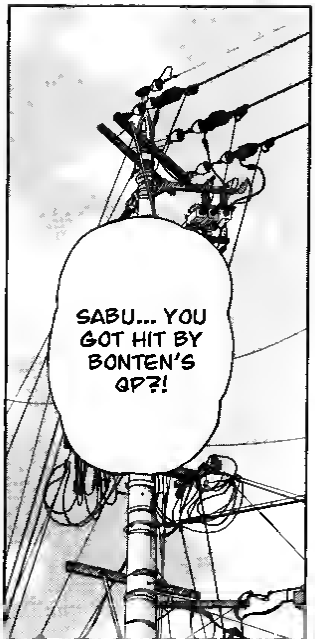
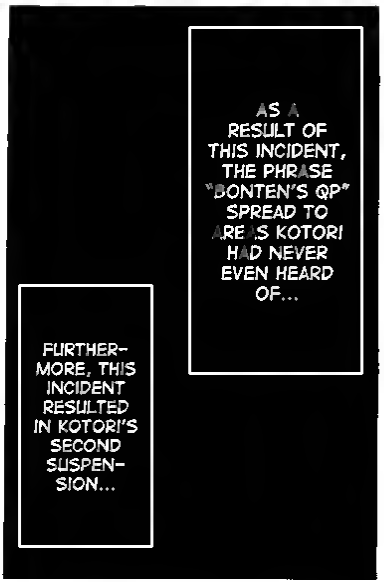
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
TSUNE WENT TO THE ARCADE WITH A FRIEND HE'D MET AT A CONCERT, AND RAN INTO SEVERAL ASAKANUMA HIGH SENIORS WHO MADE FUN OF THEM. THEY GOT INTO A FIGHT AND TSUNE SUSTAINED A MAJOR HEAD INJURY...

WHAT FOLLOWED WAS THE QP LEGEND OF THE "ASSAULT ON THE ASA HIGH GYMNA-SIUM" THAT SABU TOLD EARLIER
KOTORI FLEW INTO A RAGE WHEN HE HEARD THE STORY AND PAID A VISIT TO ASA HIGH ON HIS OWN


SABU... YOU GOT HIT BY BONTEN'S QP?!


AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT, THE PHRASE "BONTEN'S QP" SPREAD TO ARE AS KOTORI HAD NEVER EVEN HEARD OF...
FURTHER-MORE, THIS INCIDENT RESULTED IN KOTORI'S SECOND SUSPEN-SION...

DUMBASS. NOTHING GETS BY "SHARP EAR TURBO!"
W--WHO TOLD YOU THAT?
I BREAK INTO A SWEAT JUST RE-MEMBER-ING IT!
SO, HOW WAS IT? SCARY, RIGHT?
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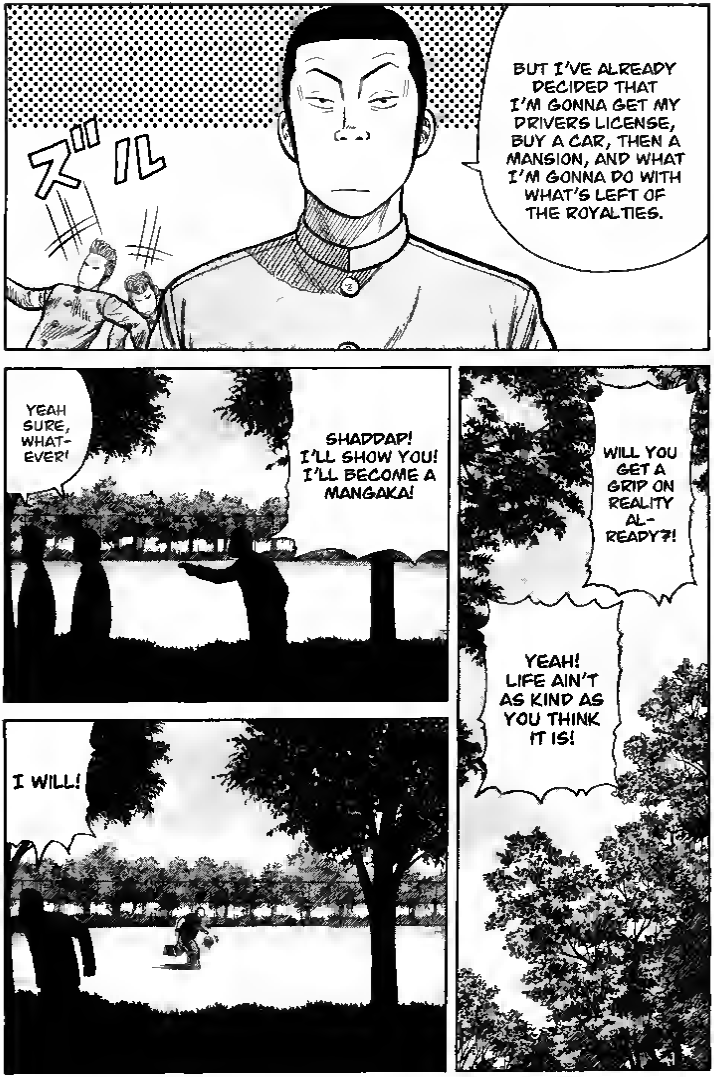
KIN-SHIROU, WE'RE RIGHT HERE!
H--HEY!

THE HELL'S WRONG WITH YOU?
WE WERE TOGETHER JUST NOW
DID YOU FALL ASLEEP AGAIN?
HEEEY... SABU... TURBO... LONG TIME NO SEE... HOW'VE YOU BEEN?

Note Yoshida Satoshi is the author of Arakure Knight and other series similar to Crows/Worst

THERE'S NO WAY IT'LL GET SERIALIZED JUST LIKE THAT!
YOU'VE STILL ONLY EVER HAD ONE IDEA, RIGHT?
EVEN YOSHIDA SATOSHI HAD A LOT OF TROUBLE GETTING STARTED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG!
LISTEN UP, YOU! DON'T THINK YOU CAN JUST BECOME A MANGAKA OVER-NIGHT!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BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED THAT I'M GONNA GET MY DRIVERS LICENSE, BUY A CAR, THEN A MANSION, AND WHAT I'M GONNA DO WITH WHAT'S LEFT OF THE ROYALTIES.
YEAH SURE, WHAT-EVER!
SHADDAP! I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL BECOME A MANGAKA!
WILL YOU GET A GRIP ON REALITY AL-READY?!
YEAH! LIFE AIN'T AS KIND AS YOU THINK IT IS!
I WILL!

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I DON'T THINK I CAN EVER GET USED TO SEEING YOU DO THAT...
SO, WHAT'S UP?
JUST BECAUSE I'M SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T LEAVE THE HOUSE. I FIGURED I'D WORK OUT A BIT.
...
WHY'D YOU ATTACK ASA HIGH ON YOUR OWN?

THAT SCHOOL IS THE MOST DANGER-OUS PLACE IN TOWN RIGHT NOW!
YOU IDIOT! YOU'RE LUCKY TO GET OUT OF THERE IN ONE PIECE!
WHY...? BECAUSE I HEARD TSUNE GOT HURT...
BE SERIOUS, KOTORI!
AH!
I WASN'T VERY IM-PRESSED.
WHAT?
LISTEN TO ME! IF ANYTHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS AGAIN, TELL ME.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER WITH SMALL STUFF LIKE THIS, SO DON'T!

I'LL WIPE OUT ANYONE WHO CARES TO COME AFTER YOU, TSUNE OR KOUZOU! JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HMM?
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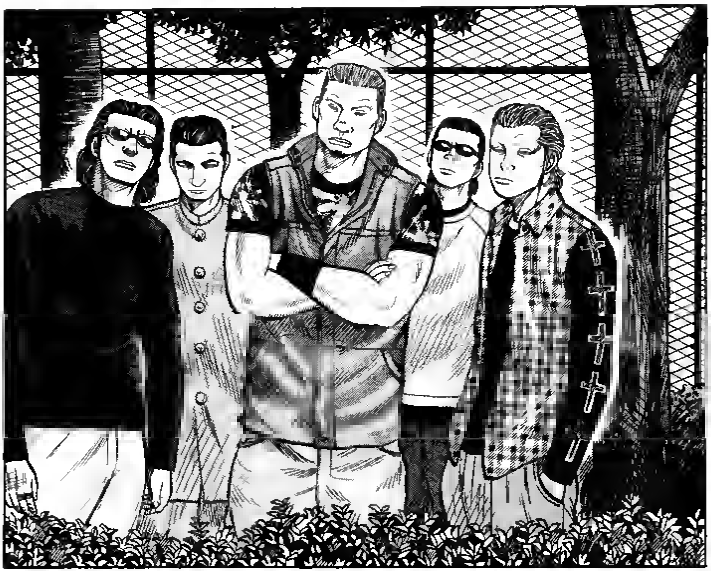
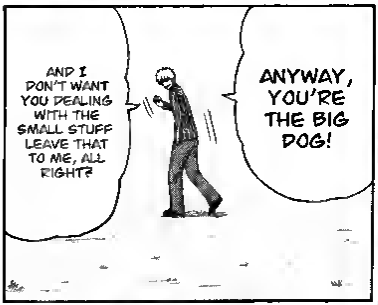
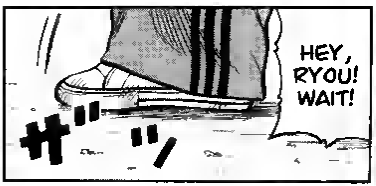
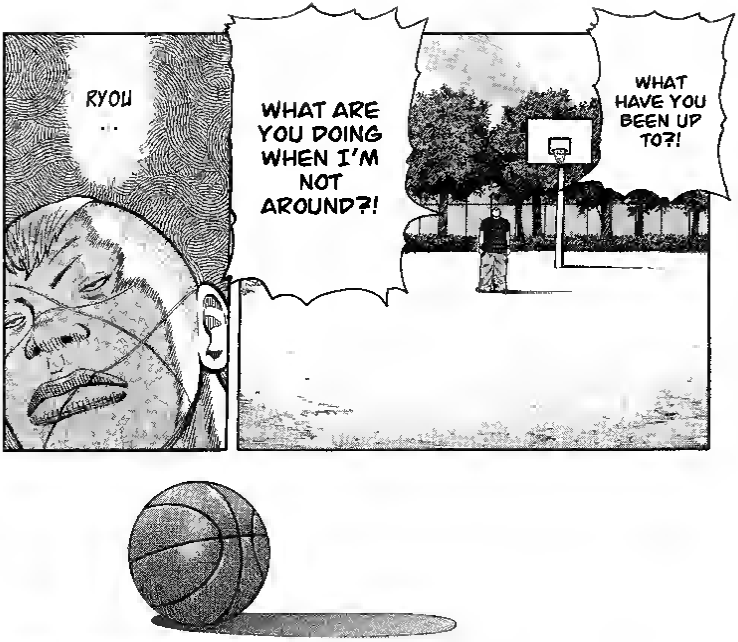
RYOU-SAN! IT'S TIME! LET'S GO!




AND I DON'T WANT YOU DEALING WITH THE SMALL STUFF LEAVE THAT TO ME, ALL RIGHT?
ANYWAY, YOU'RE THE BIG DOG!


HEY, RYOU! WAIT!

HEY... WHO'RE THOSE GUYS?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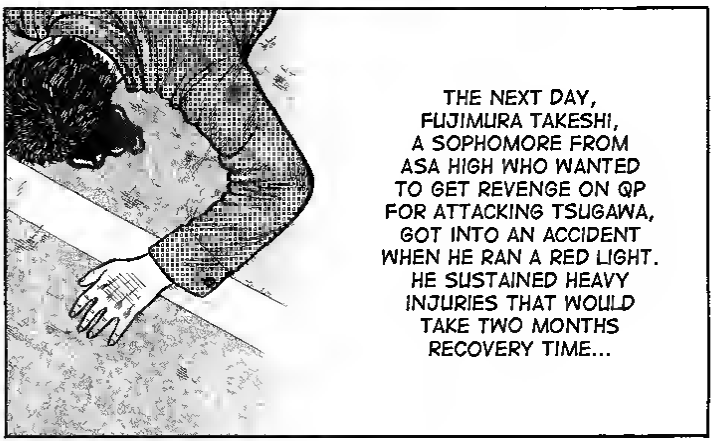
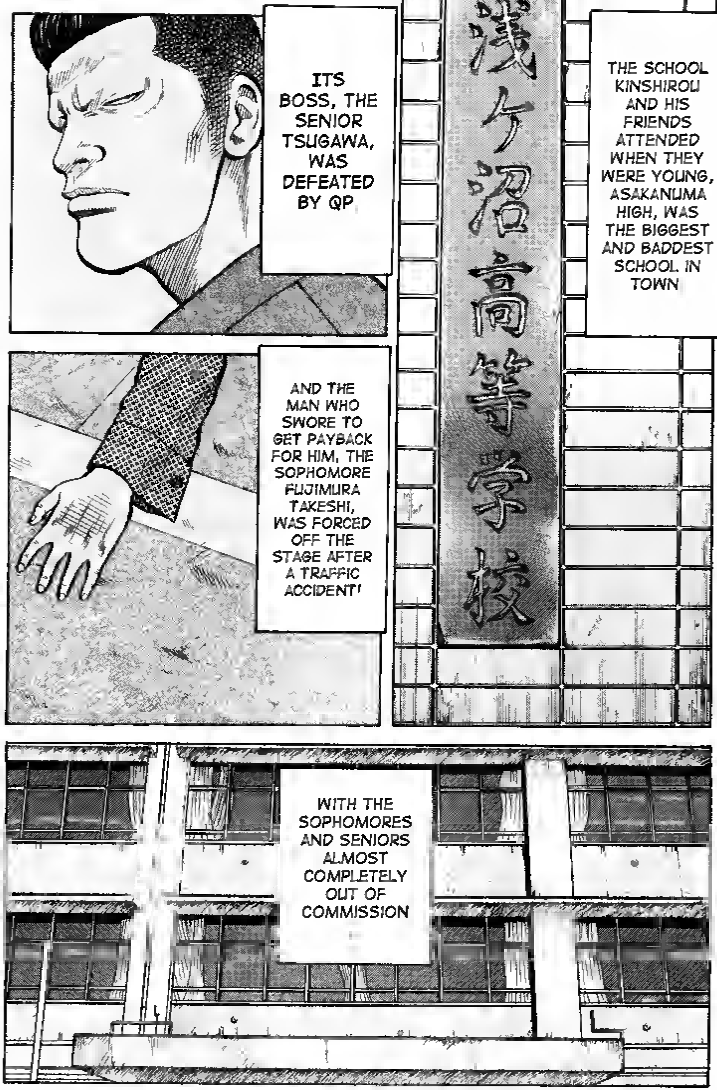
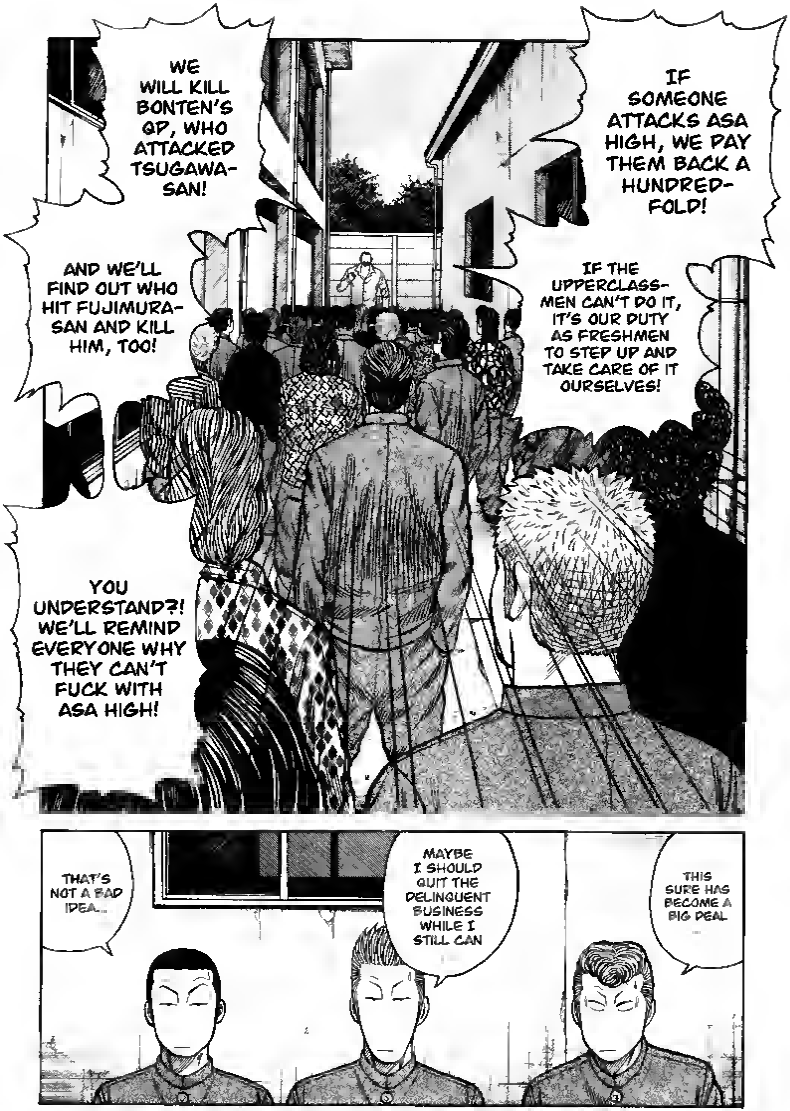
. . .
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WHEN I'M NOT AROUND?!
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?!

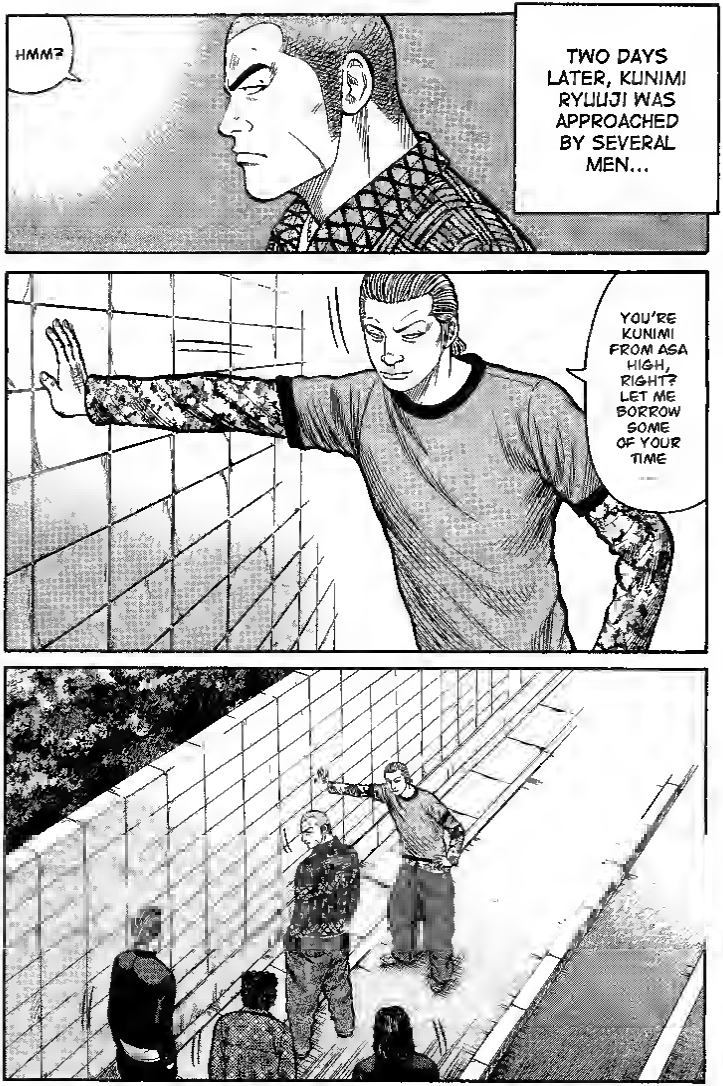

THE NEXT DAY, FUJIMURA TAKESHI, A SOPHOMORE FROM ASA HIGH WHO WANTED TO GET REVENGE ON QP FOR ATTACKING TSUGAWA, GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT WHEN HE RAN A RED LIGHT. HE SUSTAINED HEAVY INJURIES THAT WOULD TAKE TWO MONTHS RECOVERY TIME...

CHAPTER 23:
ASA HIGH FRESHMAN,
KUNIMI RYUUJI

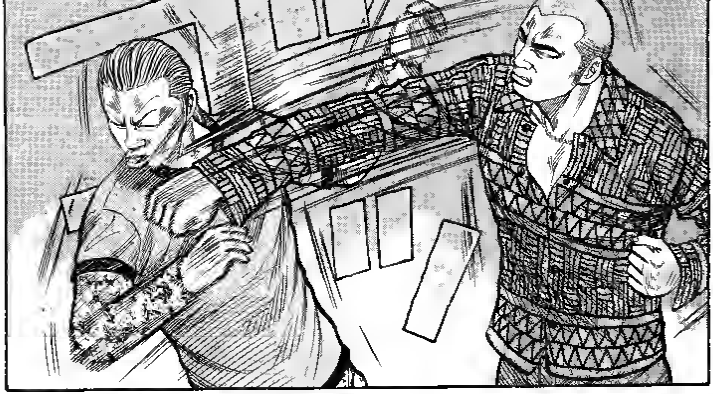

ITS BOSS, THE SENIOR TSUGAWA, WAS DEFEATED BY QP
THE SCHOOL KINSHIROU AND HIS FRIENDS ATTENDED WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG, ASAKANUMA HIGH, WAS THE BIGGEST AND BADDEST SCHOOL IN TOWN
浅ケ沼高等学校
AND THE MAN WHO SWORE TO GET PAYBACK FOR HIM, THE SOPHOMORE FUJIMURA TAKESHI, WAS FORCED OFF THE STAGE AFTER A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT!
WITH THE SOPHOMORES AND SENIORS ALMOST COMPLETELY OUT OF COMMISSION

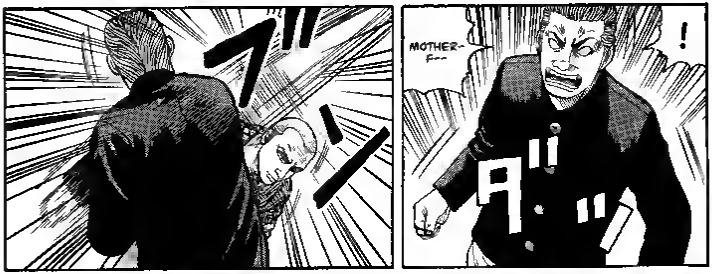
ONE MAN STEPPED UP TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS!
ASA HIGH FRESHMAN, KUNIMI RYUUJI. A MAN WHO HAD TAKEN THE FRESHMEN THRONE BY FORCE
WHAT HAPPENED TO FUJI-MURA-SAN WASN'T AN ACCIDENT! HE WAS HIT ON PURPOSE!
AND IT'S UP TO US TO FIND OUT WHO DID IT!


WE WILL KILL BONTEN'S QP, WHO ATTACKED TSUGAWA-SAN!
IF SOMEONE ATTACKS ASA HIGH, WE PAY THEM BACK A HUNDRED-FOLD!
AND WE'LL FIND OUT WHO HIT FUJIMURA-SAN AND KILL HIM, TOO!
IF THE UPPERCLASS-MEN CAN'T DO IT, IT'S OUR DUTY AS FRESHMEN TO STEP UP AND TAKE CARE OF IT OURSELVES!
YOU UNDERSTAND?! WE'LL REMIND EVERYONE WHY THEY CAN'T FUCK WITH ASA HIGH!
THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA...
MAYBE I SHOULD QUIT THE DELINQUENT BUSINESS WHILE I STILL CAN
THIS SURE HAS BECOME A BIG DEAL


HMM?
TWO DAYS LATER, KUNIMI RYUUJI WAS APPROACHED BY SEVERAL MEN...
YOU'RE KUNIMI FROM ASA HIGH, RIGHT? LET ME BORROW SOME OF YOUR TIME

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HEY ...
JUST SHUT UP AND FOLLOW US. THAT WAY NO ONE GETS HURT.
WHA?

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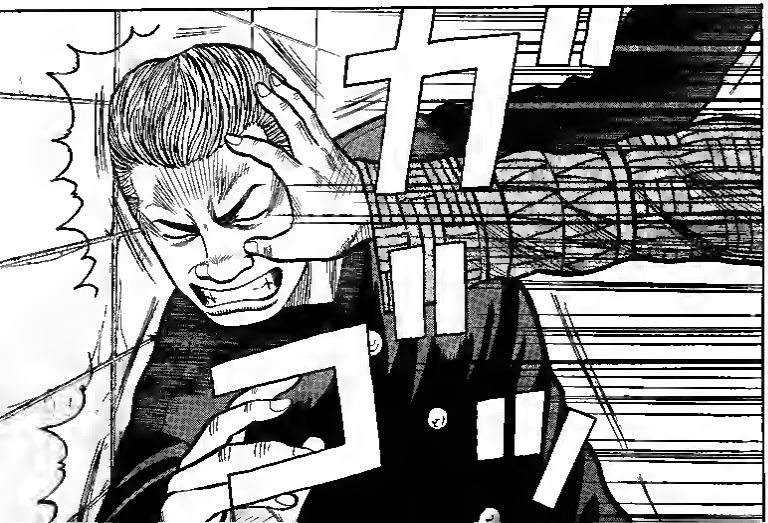

GWA HAH!
KUH!
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?!
YOU WANT TO BORROW SOME OF MY TIME?! ME?! ASA HIGH'S KUNIMI?!
WATCH YOUR GODDAMN TONGUE, FUCKSTAIN!

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HAHAHA! KUNIMI, MY MAN, HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT. YOU STILL AMAZE ME. HAHA...
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!
AREN'T YOU

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LONG TIME NO SEE, KUNIMI. YOU'RE AS STRONG AS EVER, I SEE. YOU'VE MADE QUITE A NAME FOR YOURSELF AT ASA HIGH.
KURO-TANI...
CALM DOWN!
H--HEY! CHILLAX!
HOW ABOUT YOU SHOW SOME FUCKING RESPECT WHILE YOU STILL CAN?!
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WHAT?
THERE'S SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO MEET YOU.
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT.
DON'T WORRY, THERE'S SOMETHING IN IT FOR YOU.
JUST HUMOR ME AND COME ALONG, WILL YOU?
SCREW YOU!
IT'LL BE A COLD DAY IN HELL BEFORE I ACCEPT A REQUEST FROM A MAGGOT LIKE YOU.
...

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WHAT?!
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO HIT FUJI-MURA?
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LIKE I SAID, FOLLOW ME!

HEY TSUNE, LOOK!
HUH?
ISN'T THAT YOUR BFF, KURODANI?
HMM ...
UP YOURS WITH A RUSTY SPOON. DO YOU RECOG-NIZE THE GUY BEHIND HIM?

OH, ISN'T THAT KUNIMI RYUUJI? THE GUY WHO USED TO RUN SANYOU MID?
DIDN'T HE ENTER ASA HIGH?
HE'S FROM A DIFFERENT PART OF TOWN, BUT HE'S BEEN FAMOUS FOR HIS STRENGTH SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
MOST PEOPLE SEE HIM AS THE FUTURE HEAD OF ASA HIGH.
...
WHAT'S A GUY LIKE HIM DOING WALKING AROUND WITH KURODANI...
AT THAT TIME, KOTORI, WHO WAS STILL SUSPENDED AND TAKING EVERY DAY OFF...

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DRAGON SCALE
PHEW. SO THIS IS SEIDOU HIGH SCHOOL ...
WHAT A DUMP...
青道高等学校

ACK!
DROP DEAD QP!
YOU SUCK!
WHO THE HELL WROTE THIS?!
...
HUH?
AH!
FUCK.

I-- IT'S YOU! KEW-- QP!
OH! YOU! AIN'T YOU TOUKA MID'S UDA-GAWA?!
THAT BRINGS ME BACK! SO YOU ENTERED SEIDOU, TOO?!
IT'S A RAID! BONTEN'S QP HAS COME TO ATTACK US!
EEK!
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THEN WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO RAID THE PLACE!
You wearing slippers for your 5 sales...
キューピーバカ死ね！
BEFORE THAT, DID YOU WRITE THIS?
キューピーバカ死ね！
N--- NO, IT WASN'T ME
ARE YOU SURE...
HUH?!
I'VE BEEN SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL, SO I THOUGHT I'D GO SEE WHAT HIDETORA-SAN'S BEEN UP TO. SO HERE I AM.

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YEAH
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SO, HOW'S
HE BEEN?
IS HE ALL
RIGHT?
THIS
WAY
WHAT? YOU
CHICKENING
OUT?
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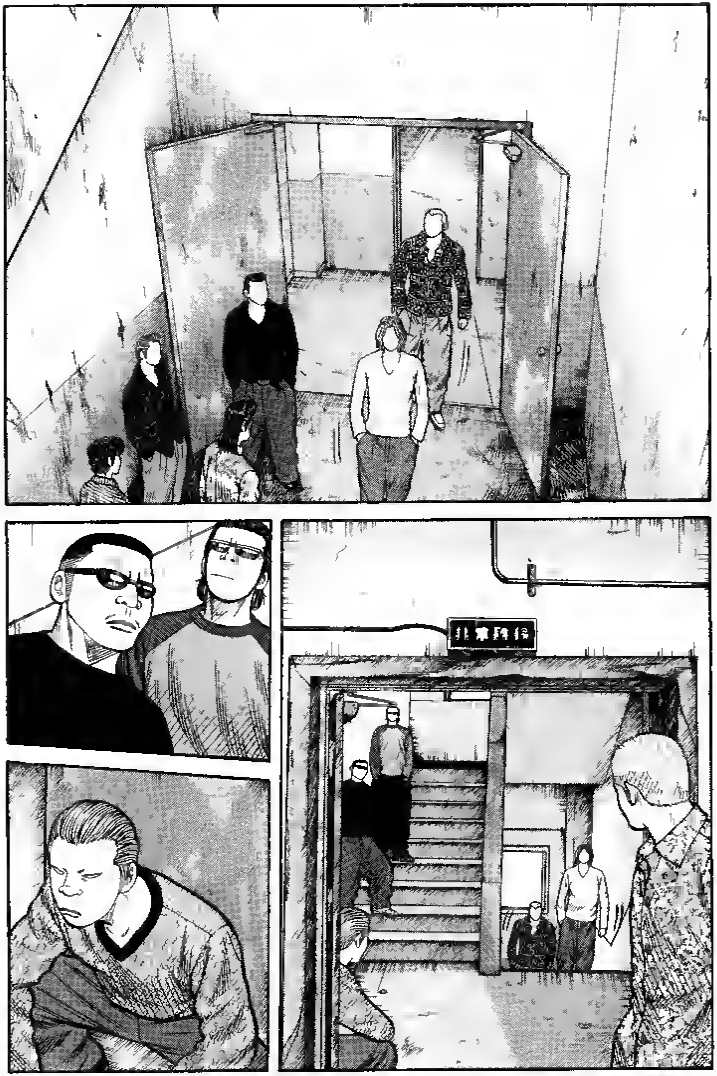
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HEY KUROTANI, WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE KIDS?
WHO WANTED TO SEE ME?!
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RELAX.
OUR BOSS IS
IN THERE.
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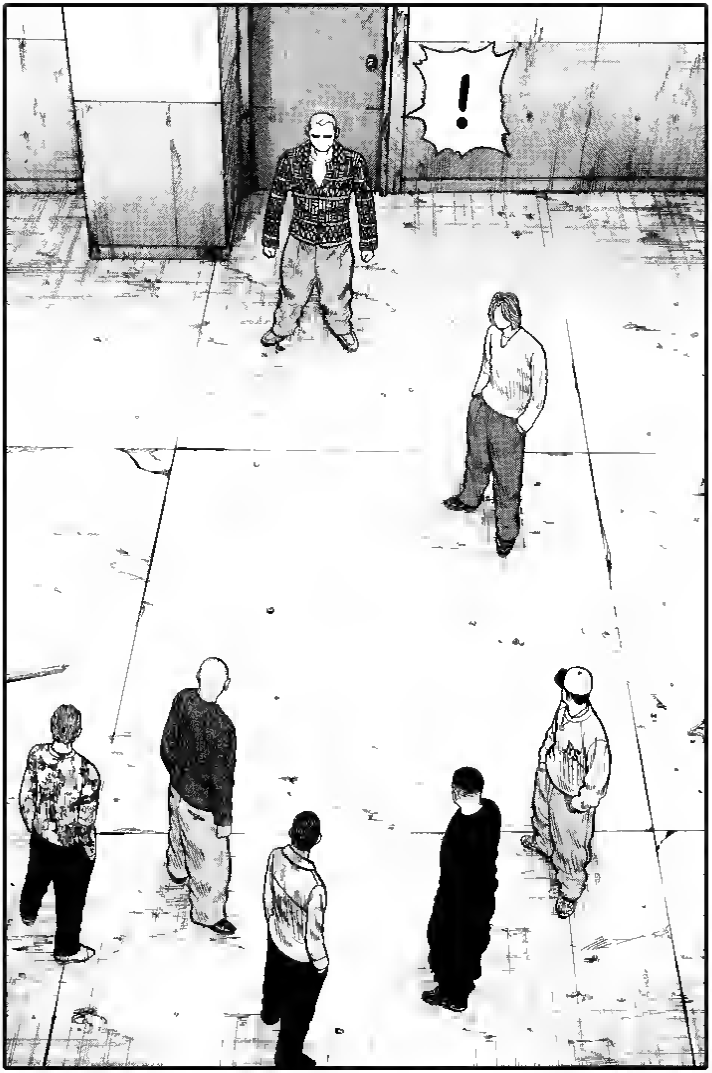
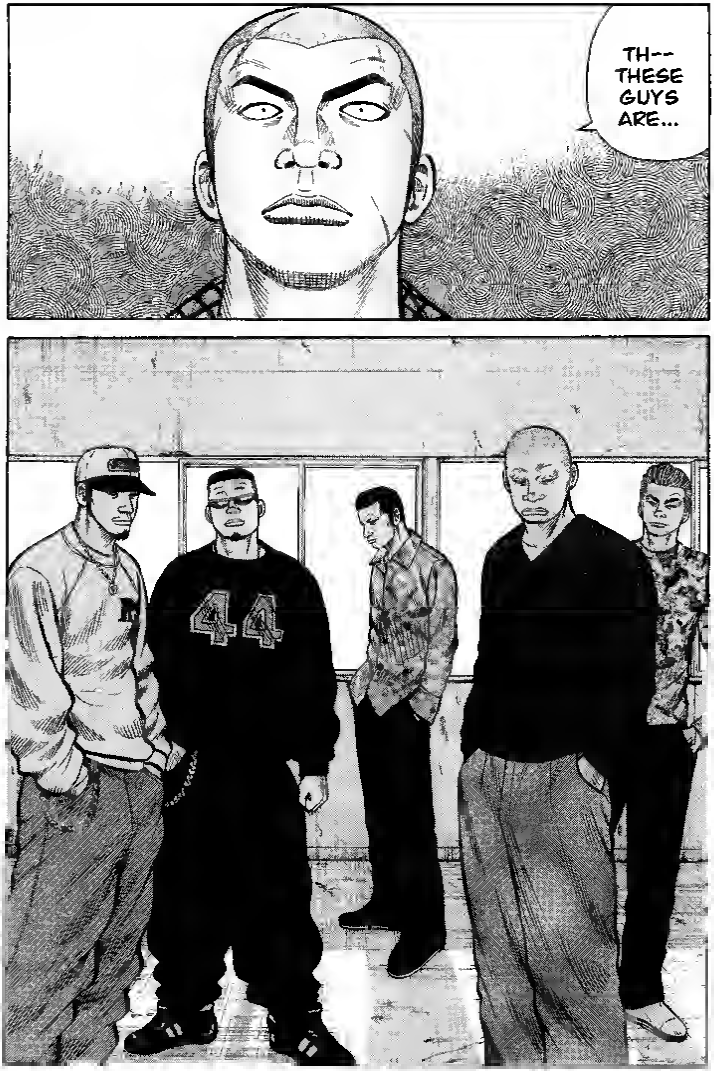
Note: "Who the hell wrote this?!"

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THESE
GUYS
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NONOSHIMA TECH'S HIRASAWA...
SHOUJI, FROM HATAYAMA HIGH
KAWAMURA, FORMER HEAD OF 4TH MID. I'M SURE I HEARD HE ENTERED OOBA ACADEMY.
ISHIYAMA AND HINO. THESE TWO DIDN'T ENTER ANY HIGH SCHOOL BUT THEY'VE GATHERED A LOT OF GUYS AND CREATED THEIR OWN GANG.
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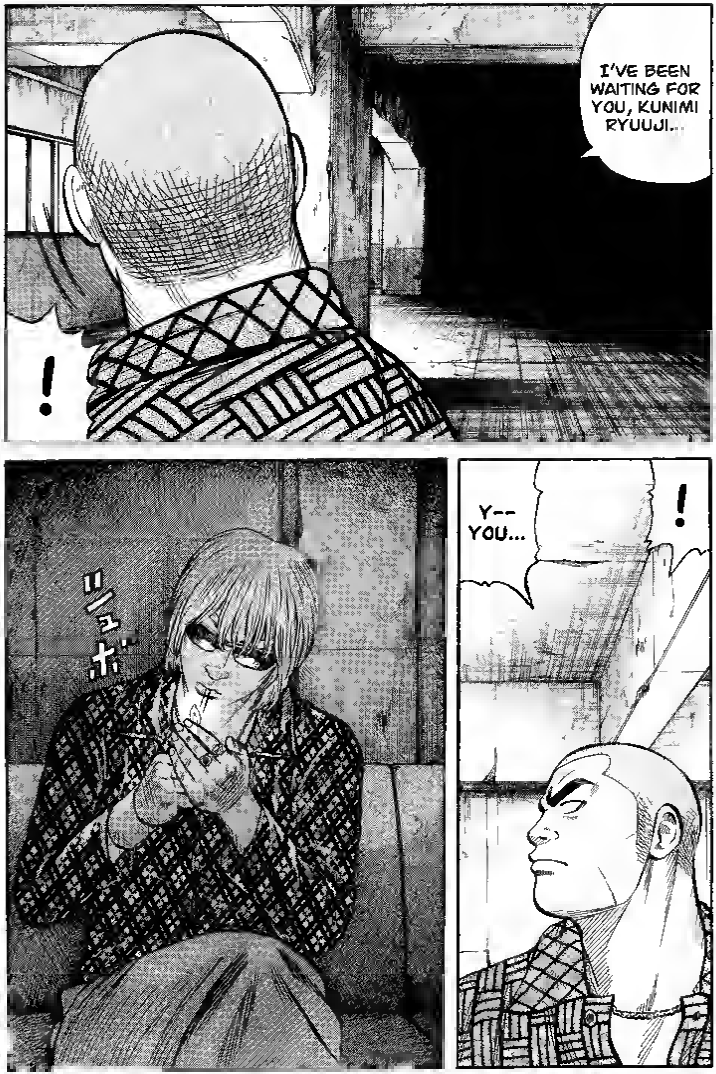
AND THEN THERE'S KUROTANI...
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE? THEY'RE ALL FRESHMEN LIKE ME...
AND THEY'RE ALL BIG SHOTS TOO...
ALL THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS ARE RIGHT OUTSIDE.
IT'S THE SAME WITH THOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL PUNKS OUTSIDE. I RECOGNIZE MOST OF THEM.
JUST WHAT IN THE HELL ...?


I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, KUNIMI RYUUJI...
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Y-- YOU...
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AZUMA RYOU!
A--
AZUMA
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DID YOU DO IT?! ARE YOU BEHIND THE HIT ON FUJIMURA-SAN?!
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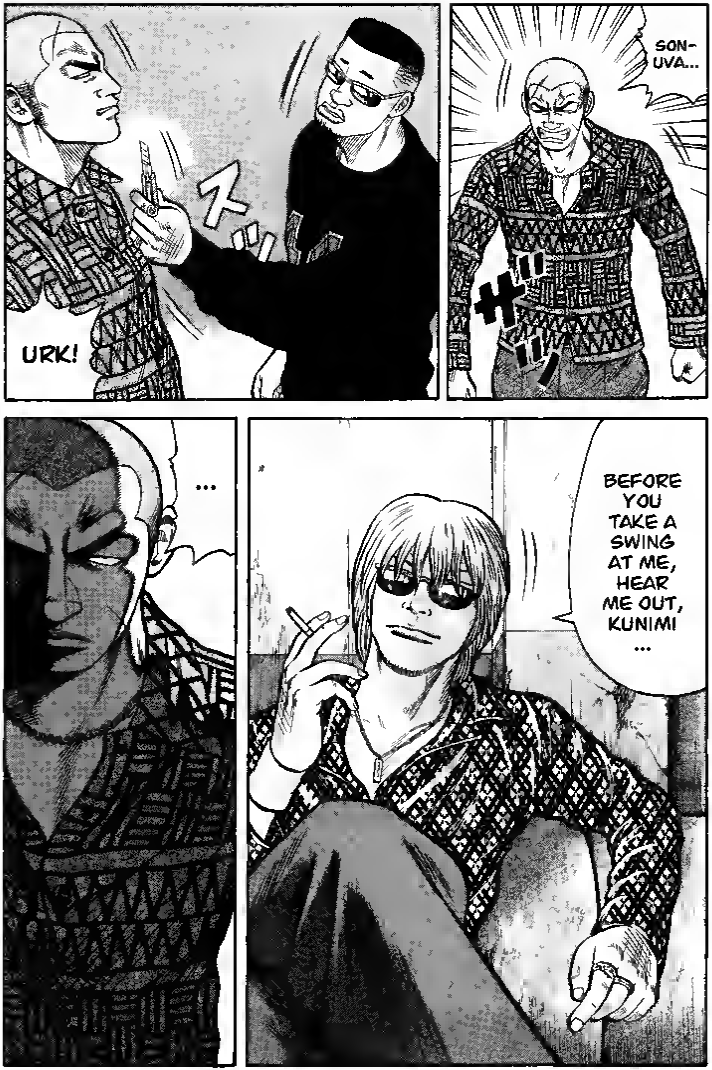
SURE AM.
NOT JUST FUJIMURA EITHER. I ALSO TOOK OUT NONOSHIMA TECH'S SUGIMOTO AND SHIROYAMA, HATAYAMA'S YOSHIOKA, AND OOBA'S TOKITA AND HOSHINO... I'VE TAKE CARE OF ANYONE WHO COULD GET IN MY WAY.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SON-UVA...
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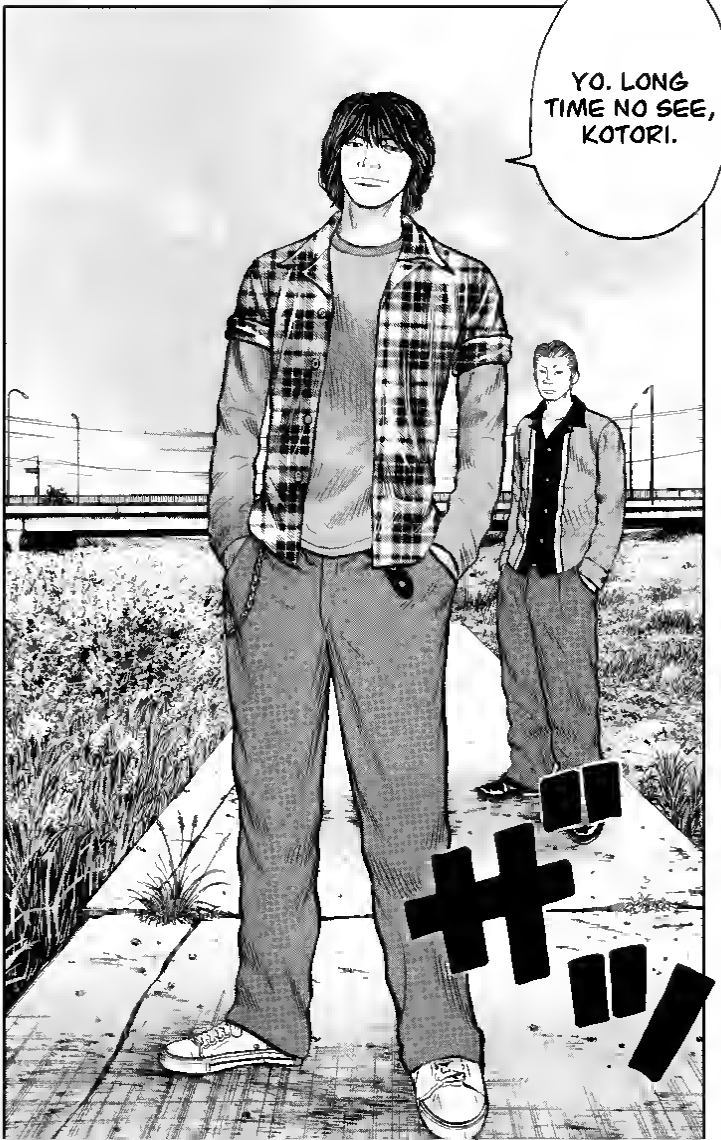
BEFORE YOU TAKE A SWING AT ME, HEAR ME OUT, KUNIMI ...


YO. LONG TIME NO SEE, KOTORI.
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HI--
HIDETORA-
SAN...
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KEW-- QP IS LOWERING HIS HEAD ...?!
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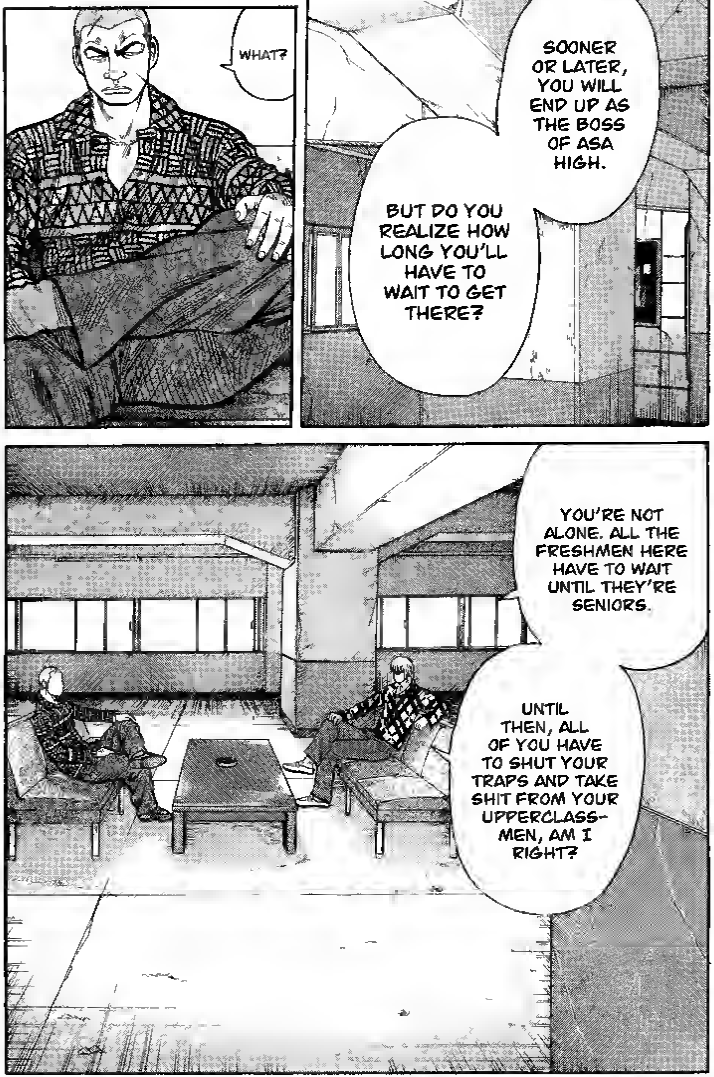
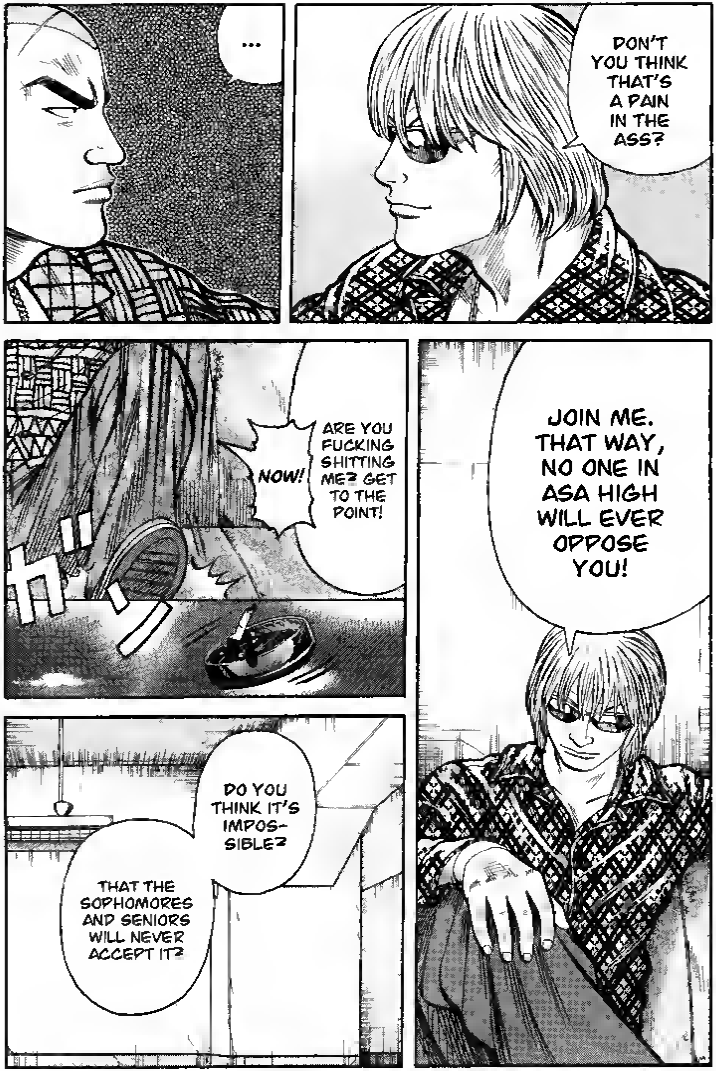

WHAT?
SOONER OR LATER, YOU WILL END UP AS THE BOSS OF ASA HIGH.
BUT DO YOU REALIZE HOW LONG YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO GET THERE?
YOU'RE NOT ALONE. ALL THE FRESHMEN HERE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEY'RE SENIORS.
UNTIL THEN, ALL OF YOU HAVE TO SHUT YOUR TRAPS AND TAKE SHIT FROM YOUR UPPERCLASS-MEN, AM I RIGHT?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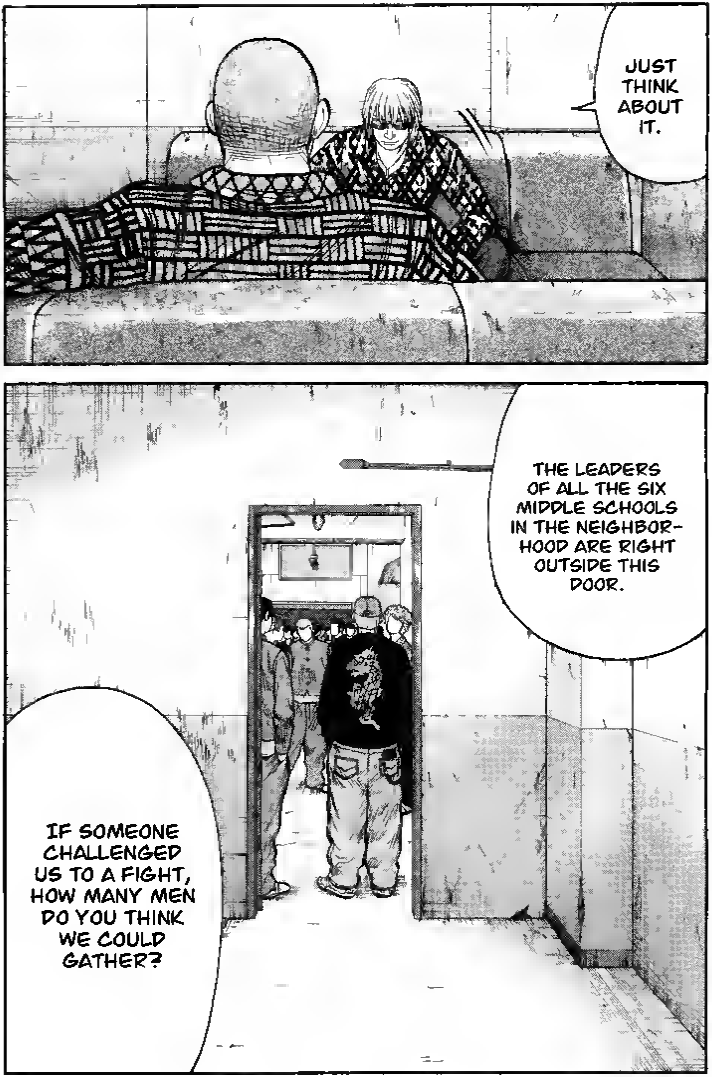
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A PAIN IN THE ASS?
JOIN ME. THAT WAY, NO ONE IN ASA HIGH WILL EVER OPPOSE YOU!
ARE YOU FUCKING SHITTING ME? GET TO THE POINT!
NOW!
DO YOU THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE?
THAT THE SOPHOMORES AND SENIORS WILL NEVER ACCEPT IT?


JUST THINK ABOUT IT.
THE LEADERS OF ALL THE SIX MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE RIGHT OUTSIDE THIS DOOR.
IF SOMEONE CHALLENGED US TO A FIGHT, HOW MANY MEN DO YOU THINK WE COULD GATHER?

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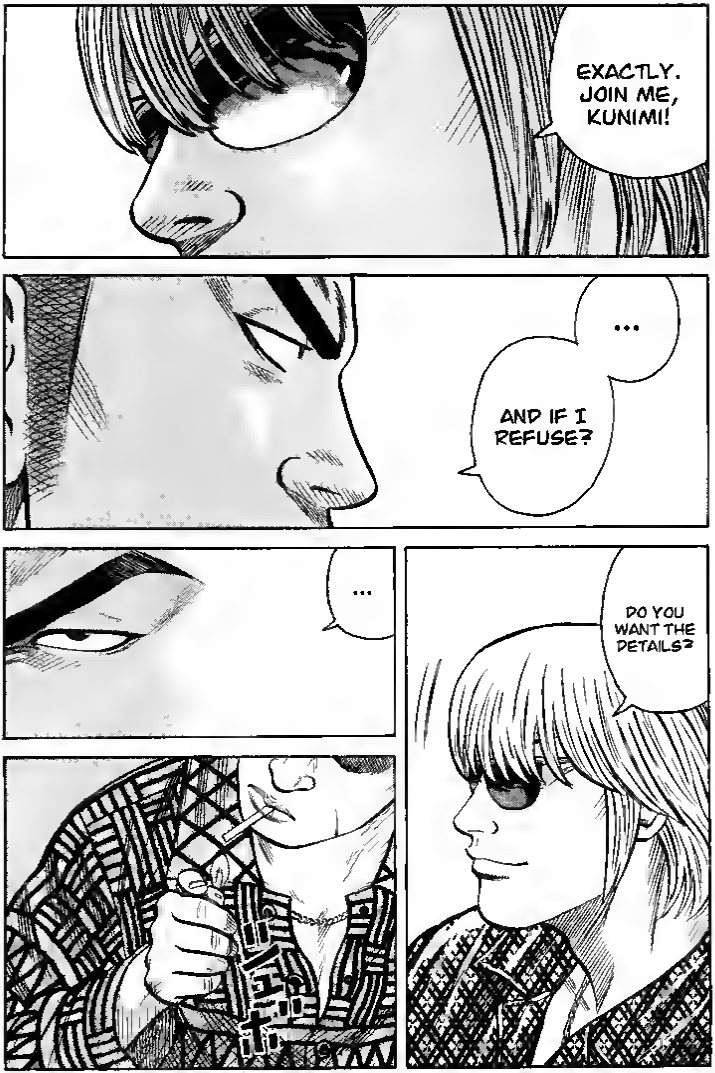
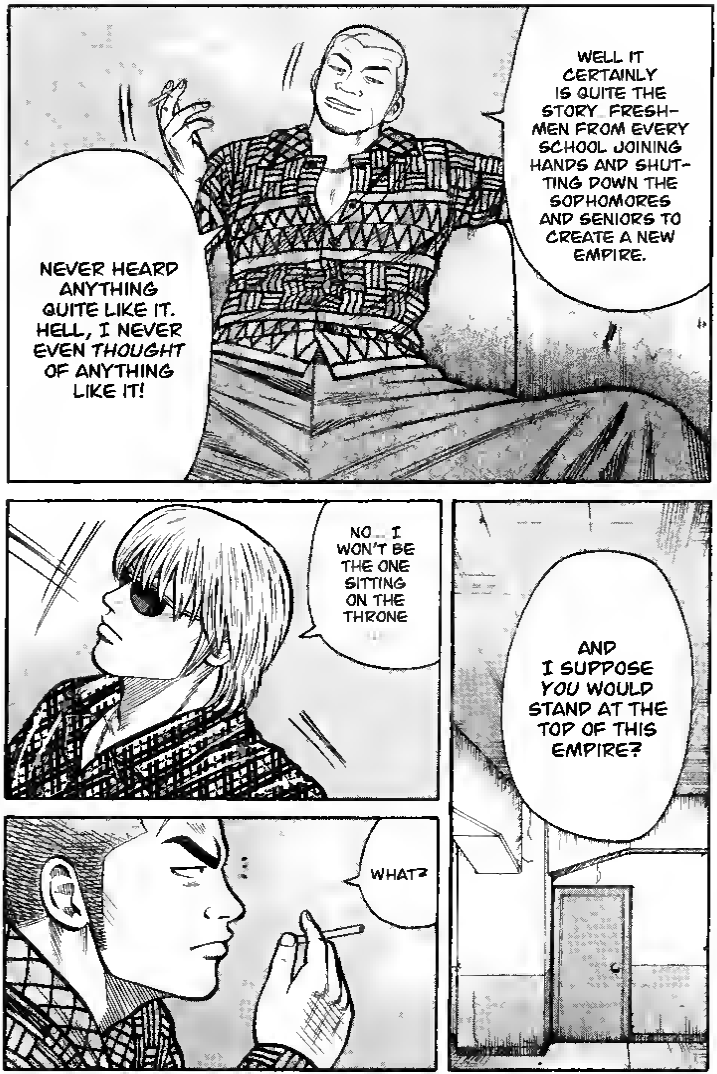
MORE THAN 400, EASILY.
AND IF YOU AND ASA HIGH'S FRESHMEN JOINED US, THAT PUTS US AT AROUND 500.
FRESHMEN AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PUNKS OR NOT, NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD PICK A FIGHT WITH A GANG OF 500.

SOPHO-
MORES, SENIORS, GANGS, IT DOESN'T MATTER, WE CAN WIPE OUT ANYONE WHO WOULD STAND IN OUR WAY! TELL ME THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A GOOD DEAL!
DO YOU UNDER-
STAND? WE CAN BUILD OUR OWN EMPIRE!
YOU'LL STAND AT THE TOP OF ASA HIGH, AS A FRESHMAN!
...
I--I WOULD ...


EXACTLY. JOIN ME, KUNIMI!
...
AND IF I REFUSE?
...
DO YOU WANT THE DETAILS?


WELL IT CERTAINLY IS QUITE THE STORY. FRESHMEN FROM EVERY SCHOOL JOINING HANDS AND SHUTTING DOWN THE SOPHOMORES AND SENIORS TO CREATE A NEW EMPIRE.
NEVER HEARD ANYTHING QUITE LIKE IT. HELL, I NEVER EVEN *THOUGHT* OF ANYTHING LIKE IT!
NO... I WON'T BE THE ONE SITTING ON THE THRONE
AND I SUPPOSE *YOU* WOULD STAND AT THE TOP OF THIS EMPIRE?
WHAT?

THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN FIT TO LEAD THIS VAST AND INVINCIBLE ARMY, AND THAT MAN IS ISHIDA KOTORI!
QP?!
HE'S THE MASTERMIND BEHIND ALL THIS?!
ON THE CONTRARY. RIGHT NOW, HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ALL THIS.
BUT THERE'S NO ONE WHO COULD CARRY OUT THIS ROLE BUT HIM.

HAHAHA... SO I'D BE #5 IN THE PECKING ORDER, HUH? HAHAHA...
ISHIDA KOTORI
KOUZOU RYOU TSUNE
KUNIMI RYUUJI
KOTORI WOULD STAND AT THE TOP. BENEATH HIM ARE KOUZOU, TSUNE AND MYSELF.
I WOULD HAVE YOU LEAD ALL OF THE TROOPS.
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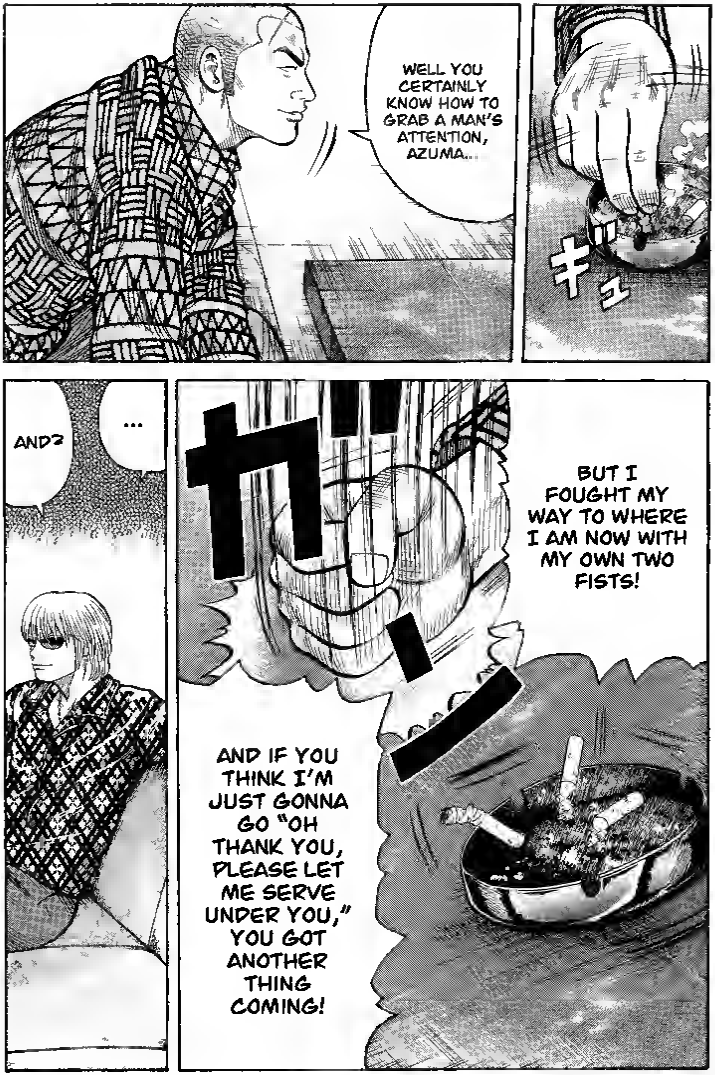
ARE YOU ON BOARD OR NOT?!
YOU THINK THAT'S FUNNY?!


WELL YOU CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO GRAB A MAN'S ATTENTION, AZUMA...
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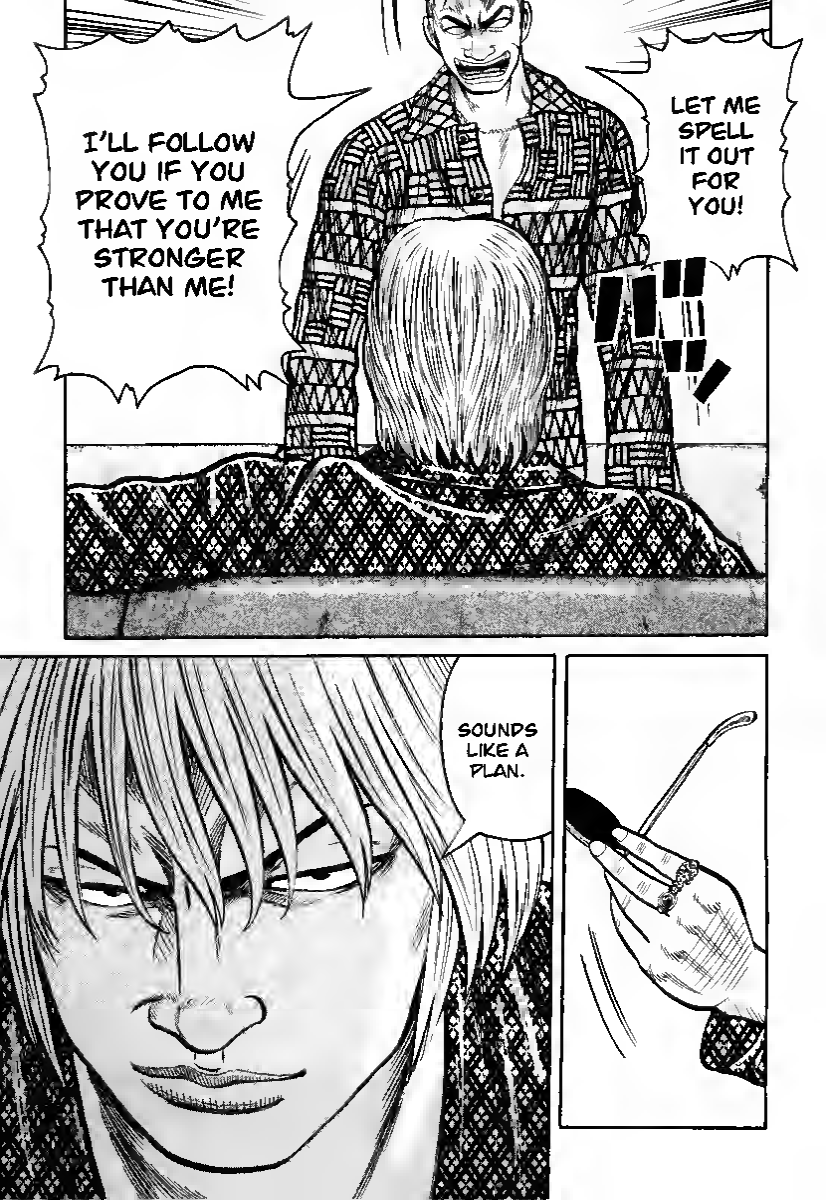
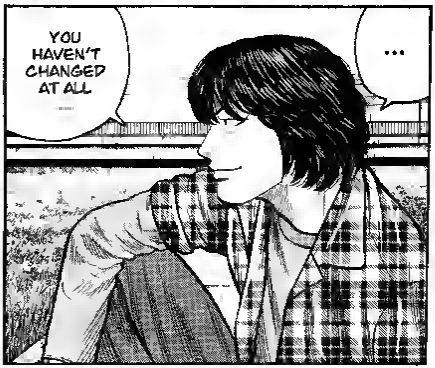
AND?
BUT I FOUGHT MY WAY TO WHERE I AM NOW WITH MY OWN TWO FISTS!
AND IF YOU THINK I'M JUST GONNA GO "OH THANK YOU, PLEASE LET ME SERVE UNDER YOU," YOU GOT ANOTHER THING COMING!


I'LL FOLLOW YOU IF YOU PROVE TO ME THAT YOU'RE STRONGER THAN ME!
LET ME SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU!
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.

I GOT SO MAD I JUST WENT STRAIGHT TO ASA HIGH ON MY OWN AND BEAT THE SHIT OUT OF THAT TSUGAWA ASSHOLE!


YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL
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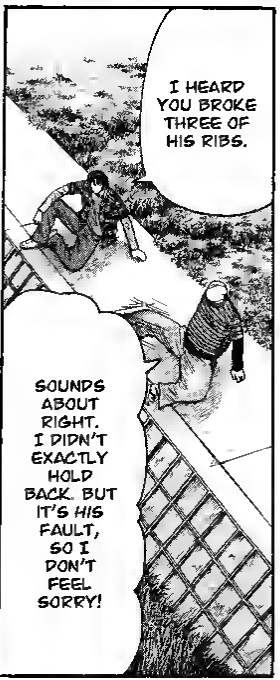
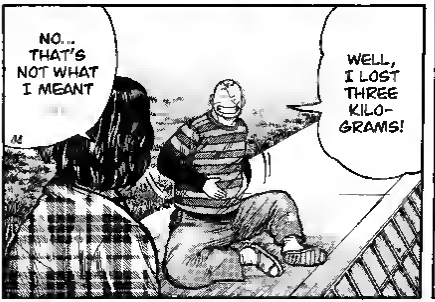

I HEARD YOU BROKE THREE OF HIS RIBS.
SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT. I DIDN'T EXACTLY HOLD BACK. BUT IT'S HIS FAULT, SO I DON'T FEEL SORRY!


NO... THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
WELL, I LOST THREE KILO-GRAMS!

HUH?
IF TSUGAWA IS A BAD GUY, AREN'T YOU EVEN WORSE?
BEATING UP PEOPLE WHO BUMP INTO YOU, WHO LOOK AT YOU FUNNY OR WHO ANNOY YOU...
AREN'T YOU JUST AS GUILTY OF THAT?
ALTHOUGH I'M HARDLY ONE TO BE GIVING PEOPLE ADVICE.
!

KOTORI... DO YOU WANT TO BECOME EVEN STRONGER?
NO... WELL, I DON'T WANNA LOSE, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN...
WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT LOSING?!
...
TO ME, INSTEAD OF A STRONG GUY WHO'S ALWAYS MAKING ENEMIES,
I THINK YOU'D BE BETTER SUITED AS A BIG GUY WHO'S ALWAYS MAKING FRIENDS...
A BIG GUY...

THAT'S RIGHT, A BIG GUY! A BIG GUY WHO DOESN'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF AND WHO LAUGHS IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTY AND SADNESS!
A COOL GUY LIKE THAT IS WHO I WANT TO BECOME!

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A BIG GUY
NO, NOT LIKE THAT..

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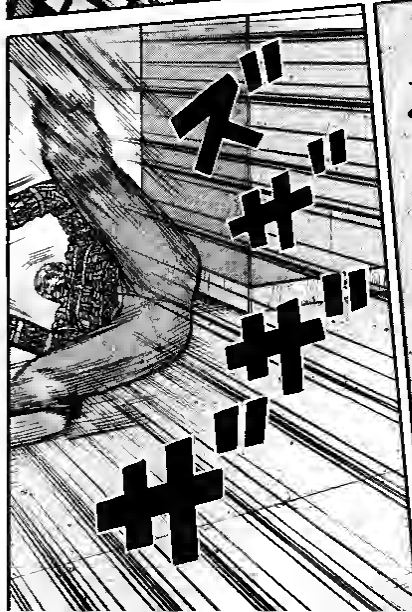
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UGH ...
SO YOU'RE GONNA STAND BELOW ME! UNDER-STAND, KUNIMI?!
YOU SATISFIED NOW?! I'M STRONGER THAN YOU!

AND WE WON'T LOSE TO ANYONE!
AND JUST SO YOU KNOW, ISHIDA KOTORI IS WAY STRONGER THAN THIS!
A BIG GUY, HUH...

CHAPTER 25:
BIG GUY!

WHAT, SO SHE DUMPED YOU?!
YEAH! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT SHIT?!
I WARNED YOU, DIDN'T I?! STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM ANY CHICK WHO LOOKS LIKE SHE LIVES IN A TANNING SALON!
NOW *YOU* LOOK LIKE BURNT BREAD AS WELL!
IT PISSES ME OFF EVERY TIME I SEE MYSELF IN THE MIRROR
FUCK!
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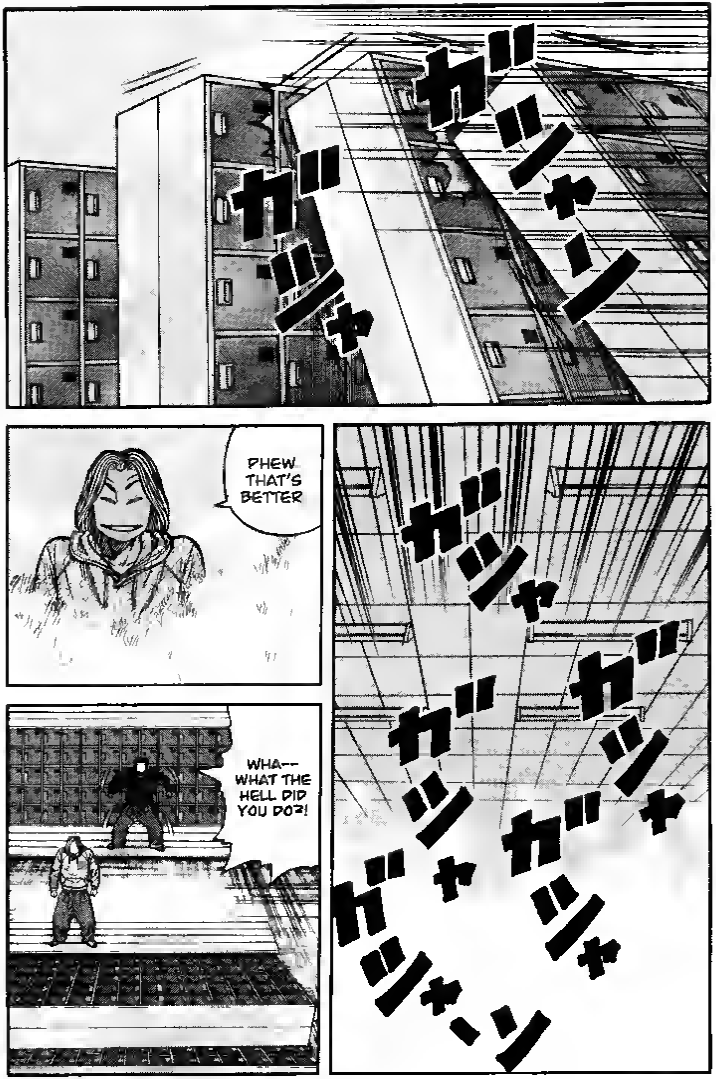
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PHEW. THAT'S BETTER
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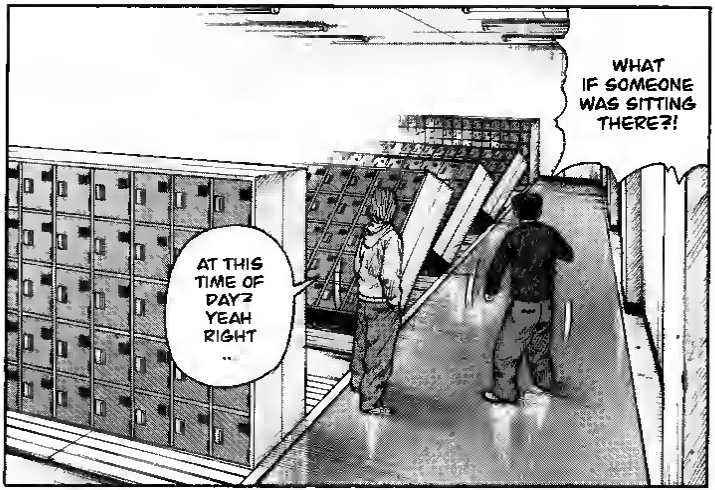
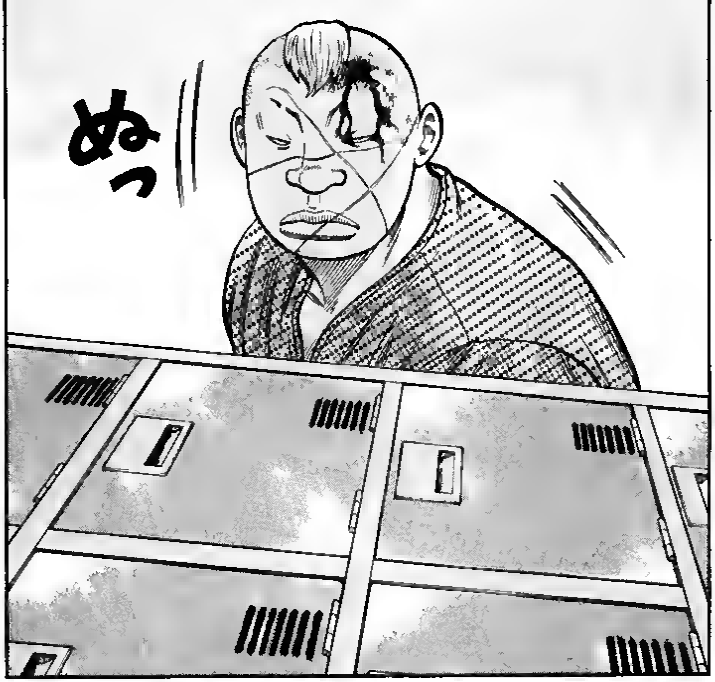
WHA--- WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO?!


WHAT IF SOMEONE WAS SITTING THERE?!
AT THIS TIME OF DAY? YEAH RIGHT ...

HUH ...

THE TEACHES ARE PROBABLY ON THEIR WAY NOW TO SEE WHAT THE HELL THAT RACKET WAS. LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
IF THEY CATCH US, I DON'T KNOW YOU!
HEY.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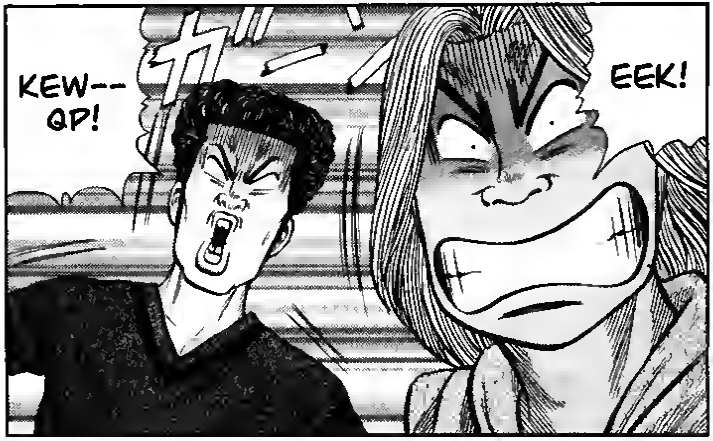
KEW--
QP!
EEK!

THAT'S IT. WE'RE DEAD
OF ALL THE PEOPLE IT COULD HAVE BEEN... WHY GP
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DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THE OLD ME WOULD FOLD YOU UNTIL YOU WERE THE SIZE OF A FOOTBALL, AND THEN ...
KICK YOU...
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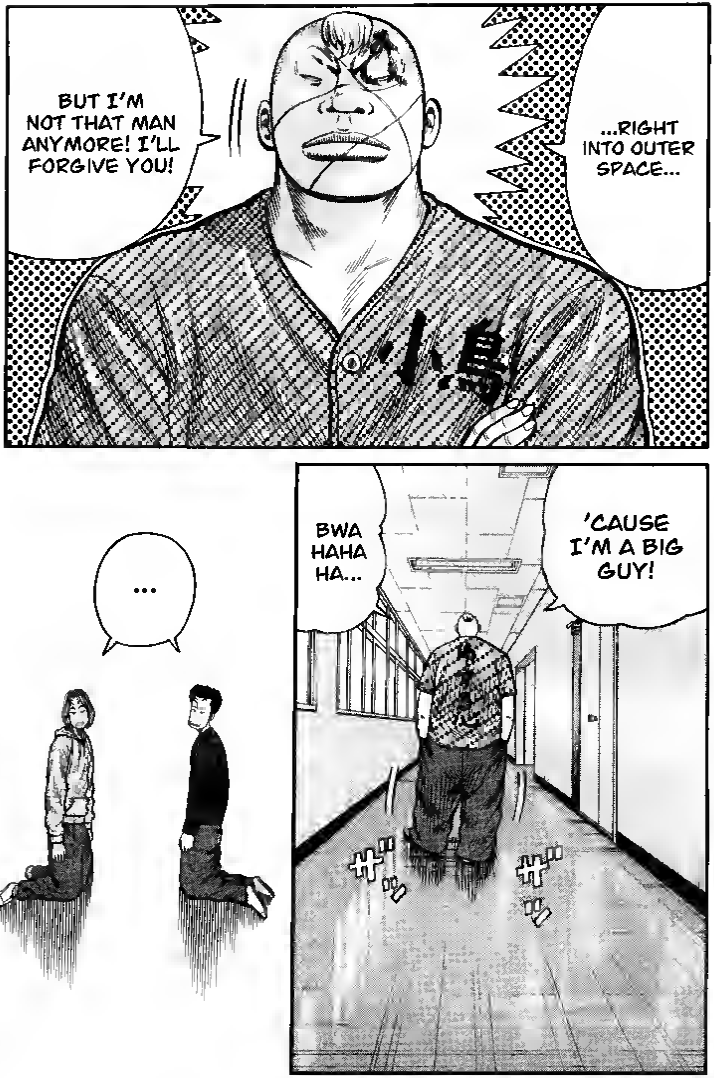
BUT I'M NOT THAT MAN ANYMORE! I'LL FORGIVE YOU!
...RIGHT INTO OUTER SPACE...
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...
BWA HAHA HA...
'CAUSE I'M A BIG GUY!

HMM. SO YOU LET THEM OFF THE HOOK?
A BIG GUY, HUH ...
YUP. 'CAUSE I'M A BIG GUY!
GOTCHA!
NU WOH!

W-- WHAT THE HELL?! I WAS SAVING THAT OMELETTE FOR LAST!
WHAT. YOU KEPT EATING AROUND IT, I FIGURED YOU DIDN'T WANT IT.
Nom nom
YOU'RE A BIG GUY, RIGHT?
TSU-- TSU-NEEE!

HUH?!
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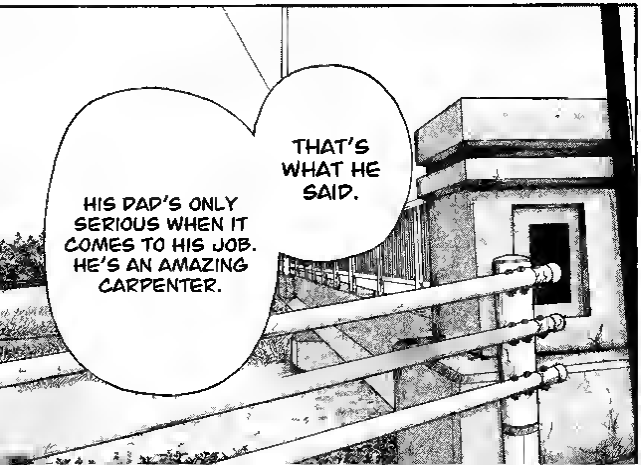
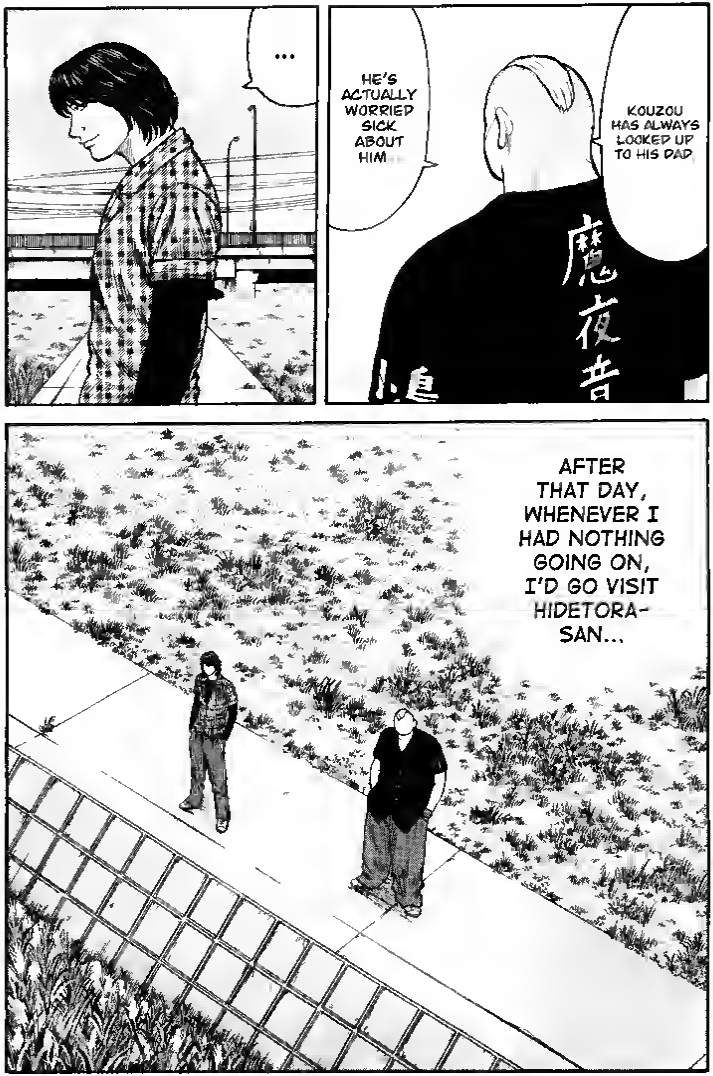
OH, BY THE WAY, YOU MISSPELLED TRUSTING HEART ON THE BACK OF YOUR SHIRT. IT SAYS RUSTING HEART.
Y--YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT! I'M A BIG GUY, AND WE DON'T GET ANGRY OVER SMALL STUFF LIKE THIS!
HONESTLY, WHAT'S THAT GUY UP TO...
RYOU DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL TODAY. AGAIN.
WHERE ARE RYOU AND KOUZOU?
I WONDER IF HE DID SOME-THING.
KOUZOU WAS SUMMONED BY THE HOMEROOM TEACHER HE WENT TO THE STAFF ROOM

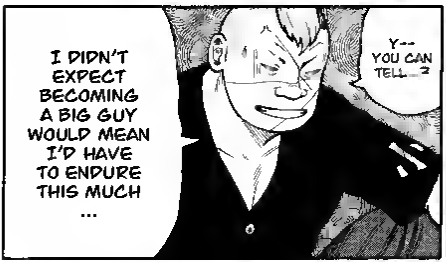
WHAT?! YOUR OLD MAN COL-LAPSED?!
YEAH.
HE'S A HEAVY DRINKER SO HIS LIVER'S SHOT.
IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER.
STUPID OLD MAN!
SO YOU'RE GOING HOME?
TAKE MY BIKE.
WELL, I PICKED IT UP AT THE STATION THIS MORNING, BUT Y'KNOW...
YOU SHOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE HOS-PITAL.
BE CAREFUL...

I MIGHT END UP DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL BECAUSE OF THIS.
H--HEY KOUZOU!
DROPPING OUT?!


THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
HIS DAD'S ONLY SERIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO HIS JOB. HE'S AN AMAZING CARPENTER.


...
HE'S ACTUALLY WORRIED SICK ABOUT HIM...
KOUZOU HAS ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO HIS DAD
魔夜叉
AFTER THAT DAY, WHENEVER I HAD NOTHING GOING ON, I'D GO VISIT HIDETORA-SAN...

I WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO BECOME AS STRONG AND AS KIND AS HIM...
HE WAS THE KIND OF MAN I WANTED TO BECOME ...


I DIDN'T EXPECT BECOMING A BIG GUY WOULD MEAN I'D HAVE TO ENDURE THIS MUCH ...
Y-- YOU CAN TELL...?

BY THE WAY, YOU LOOK KINDA ANNOYED. SOMETHING WRONG?

HA HAHA ...
PFFT! THE STRESS OF HOLDING BACK IS GETTING TO YOU, HUH?

HMM?
HEY PUNKS! IS ONE OF YOU UEDA HIDE-TORA?!
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.
MY FEET HURT, DAMMIT. I BLAME YOU...

DOES THE NAME NAOKI RING ANY BELLS? KUSANO NAOKI? HE'S ONE OF MY GUYS.
YOU KNOCKED OUT THREE OF HIS TEETH.
WHAAAT
THAT'S BECAUSE HE PUT HIS HANDS ON ONE MY FRIEND'S GIRLFRIEND.
I SEE. THREE, HUH?

THAT'S TOO BAD, I WAS HOPING I GOT AT LEAST FIVE.
TELL HIM THAT THE NEXT TIME I SEE HIM, HE'S GONNA LOSE A LOT MORE THAN JUST A COUPLE TEETH.
YOU SMUG LITTLE
I'M GOING TO KI--
HUH?
WHAT THE? DO YOU FUCKING MIND?!

IF YOU TOUCH ONE HAIR ON THIS MAN'S HEAD, I SWEAR TO GOD, I WILL FUCK YOU UP SO BAD YOUR OWN MOTHER WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
WHAT THE FUCK WAS THAT?! ARE YOU WITH HI--
HEY, KOTORI
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SON-
UVA
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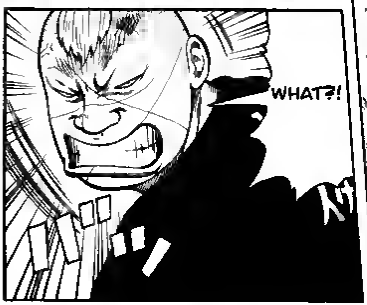
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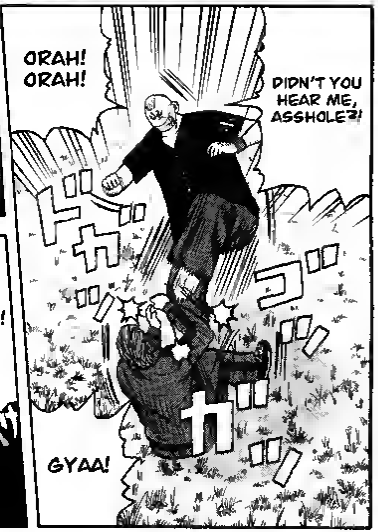
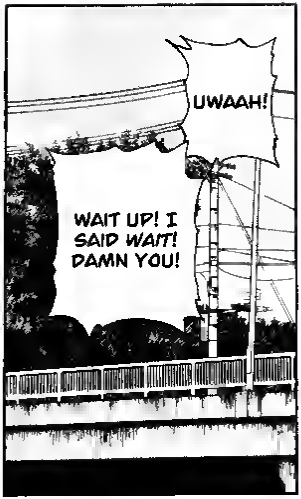
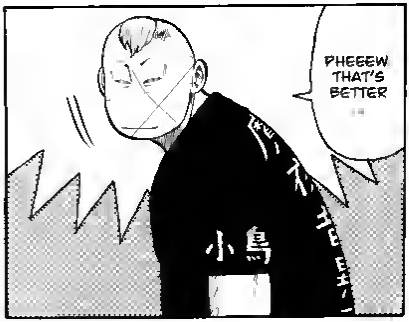

ORAH!
ORAH!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME, ASSHOLE?!
GYAA!

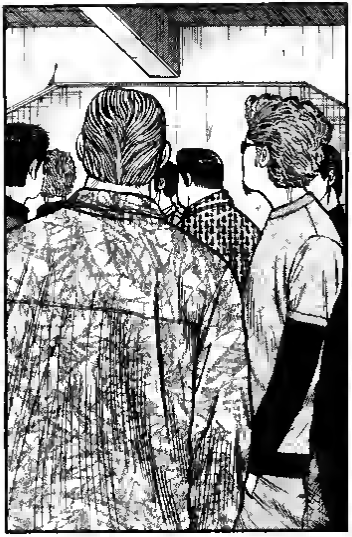
YOU WANT SOME O' THIS?!
EEK!

FUCKING RETARDS

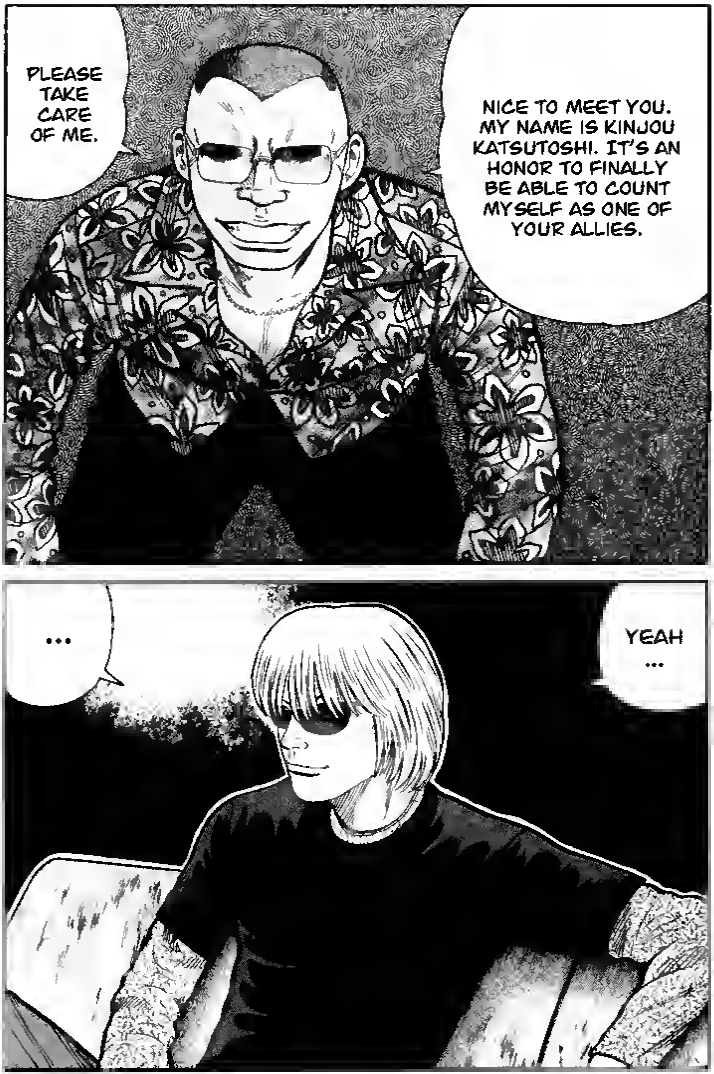

UWAAH!
WAIT UP! I SAID WAIT! DAMN YOU!


PHEEEW THAT'S BETTER

...
PFFT
HAHAHA... YOU'RE STILL OUTRAGEOUS. HAHA...
HAHA



I LEAD SOTOMA MID. THE NAME'S KINJOU...
THIS IS OUR BOSS. PAY YOUR RESPECTS.
YESSIR
SO YOU'RE KINJOU... I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS...


PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME.
NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS KINJOU KATSUTOSHI. IT'S AN HONOR TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO COUNT MYSELF AS ONE OF YOUR ALLIES.
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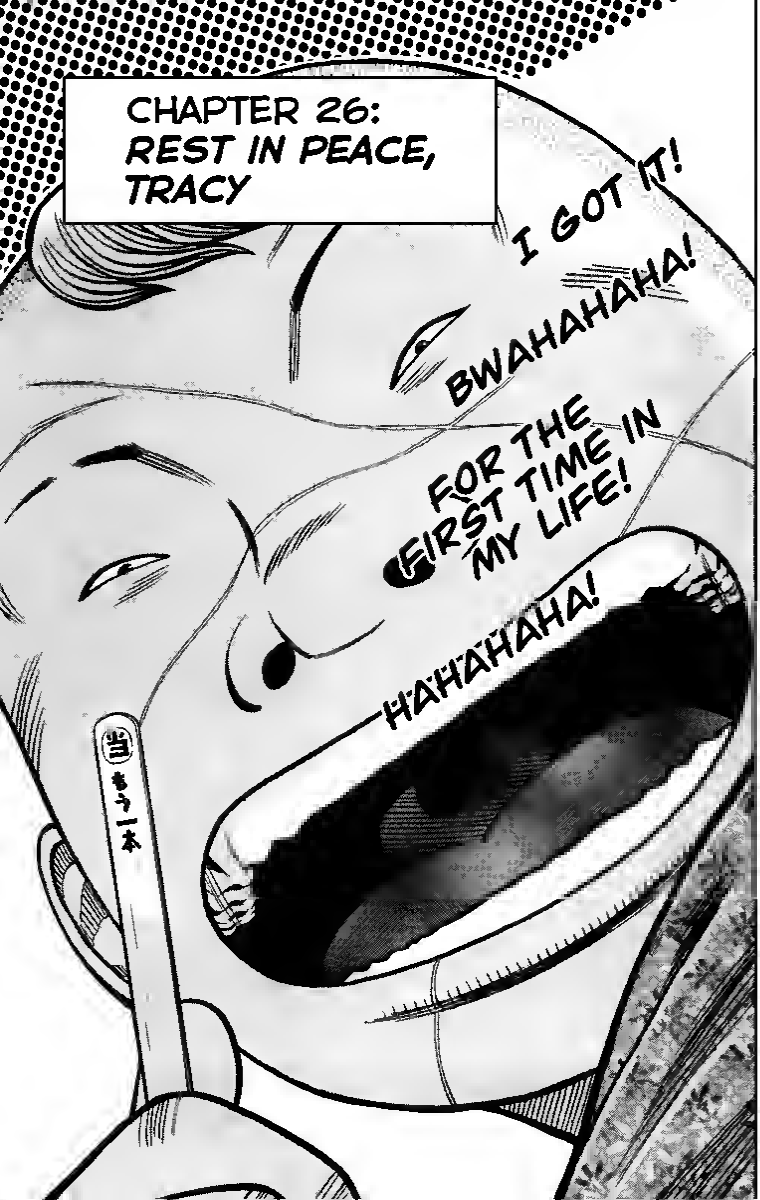
YEAH ...


CHAPTER 26:
REST IN PEACE, TRACY
I GOT IT!
BWAHAHAHA!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE!
HAHAHAHA!
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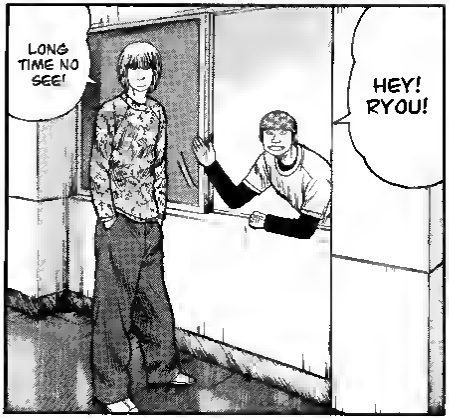
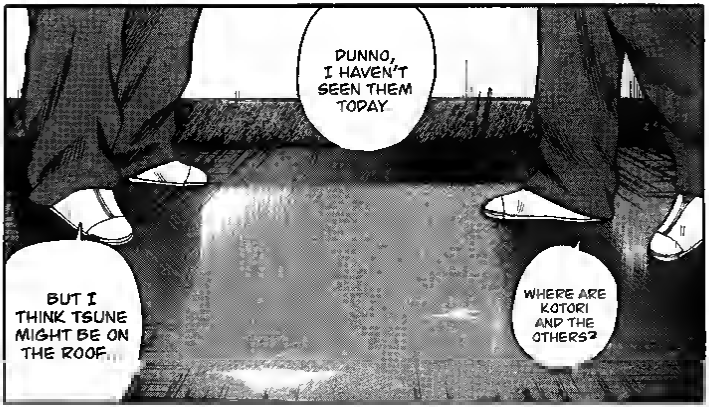
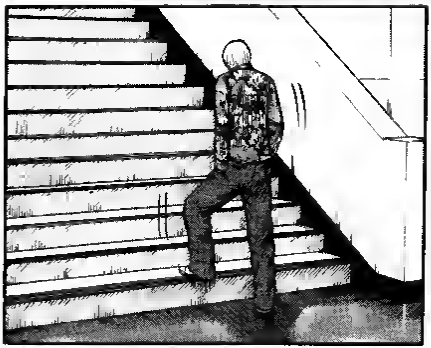
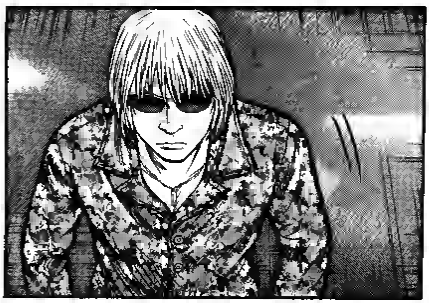

LONG TIME NO SEE!
HEY! RYOU!

HMM?


DUNNO, I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM TODAY.
WHERE ARE KOTORI AND THE OTHERS?
BUT I THINK TSUNE MIGHT BE ON THE ROOF...





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HEY AZUMA!

HUH?
THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS GREET YOUR SENIORS! ASSHOLE!
WHY SHOULD THE STRONG GREET THE WEAK?
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, ASSHOLE.
STOP IT!
S-- SAY WHAT MOTHER-FUCKER?!

...
AZUMA... I'VE BEEN SEEING A LOT OF YOUNG KIDS ACTING UP LATELY ...
NOPE ...
YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT...?
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I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S EVER PISSED ME OFF AS MUCH AS THAT ARROGANT LITTLE DOUCHE!
THAT LITTLE SHIT EATER
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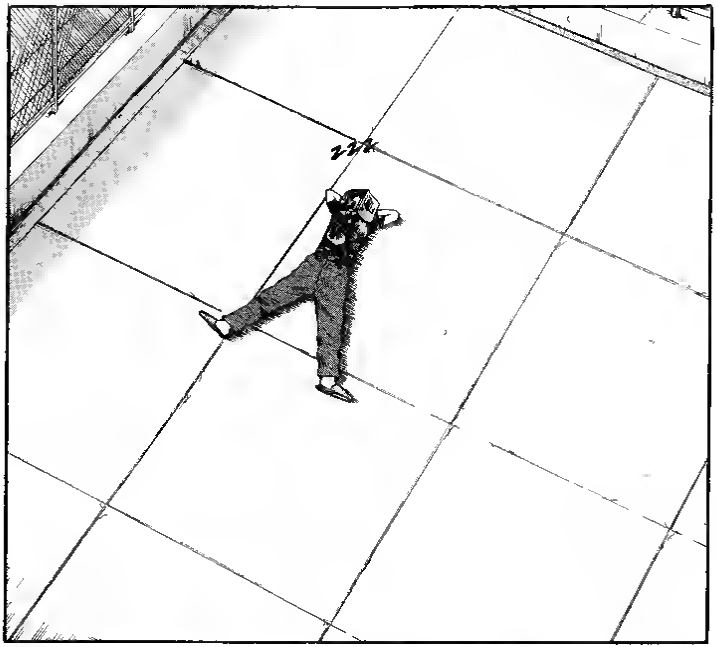
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TSUNE!

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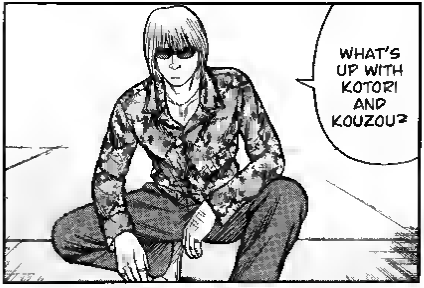
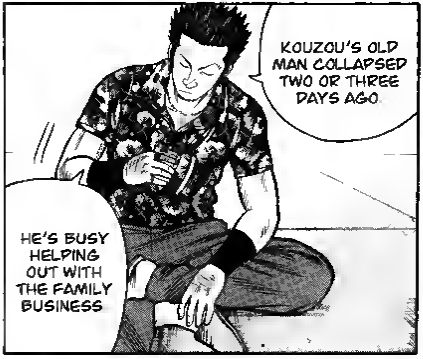
HEY, TSUNE.

OH! RYOU! YA SCARED ME THERE.
THIS AIN'T NO PLACE TO FALL ASLEEP!


WHAT'S UP WITH KOTORI AND KOUZOU?

YEAH, WELL, IT'S NOT AS THOUGH KOUZOU AND KOTORI ARE HERE TO KEEP ME AWAKE!
AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ON YOU!


KOUZOU'S OLD MAN COLLAPSED TWO OR THREE DAYS AGO.
HE'S BUSY HELPING OUT WITH THE FAMILY BUSINESS.

REALLY
HIS DAD'S THAT BAD?
HE SAID HE MIGHT END UP DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL
WELL, I DON'T KNOW THE DE-TAILS.
SMOKE?
YEAH.
HE'S BAWLING HIS EYES OUT AT HOME.
WHAT?
AND KOTORI?

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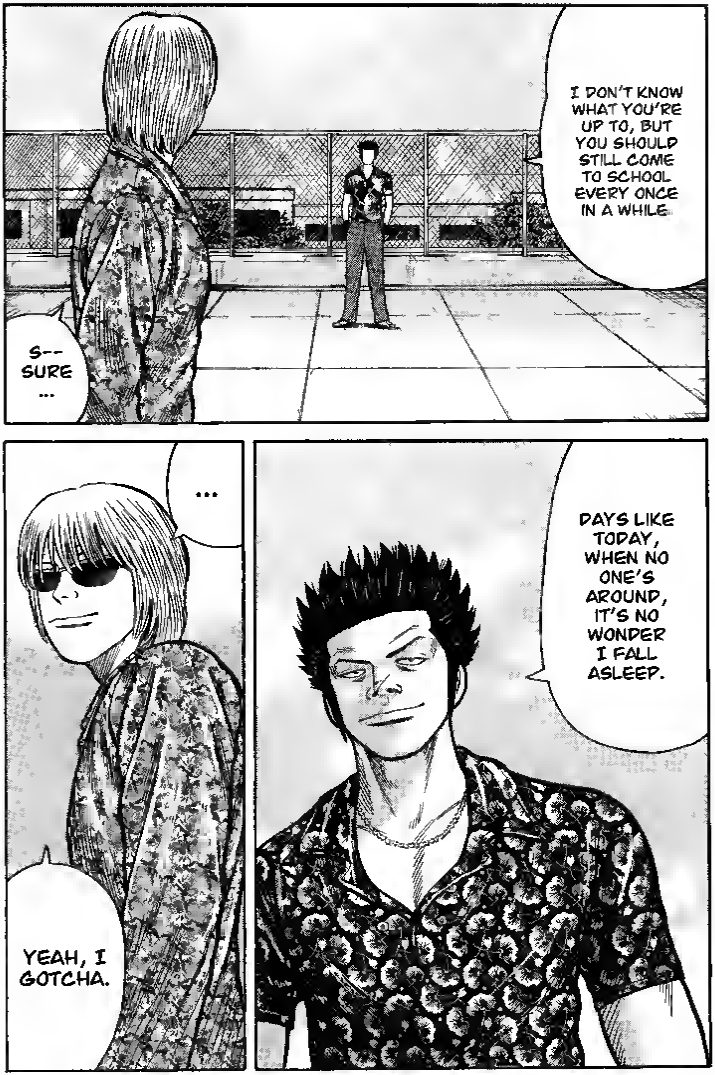
HIS PET ROOSTER... WHAT WAS IT CALLED AGAIN... OH YEAH, TRACY! Y'KNOW.
IT GOT RUN OVER BY A TRUCK. KOTORI'S STILL IN SHOCK ...
DUDE
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A ROOSTER. A ROOSTER.
I SEE... TRACY, HUH... POOR THING ...
MAYBE IT'S JUST A ROOSTER TO YOU AND ME, BUT FOR KOTORI, TRACY WAS PART OF HIS FAMILY.
MAYBE I SHOULD GO PAY HIM A VISIT...

...
YEAH, WELL, WHEN YOU HAVE AS FEW FRIENDS AS I DO
I SWEAR, YOU'RE LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON WHEN IT COMES TO KOTORI...
HEY RYOU!
HMM?


I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT YOU SHOULD STILL COME TO SCHOOL EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.
S-- SURE ...
DAYS LIKE TODAY, WHEN NO ONE'S AROUND, IT'S NO WONDER I FALL ASLEEP.
...
YEAH, I GOTCHA.

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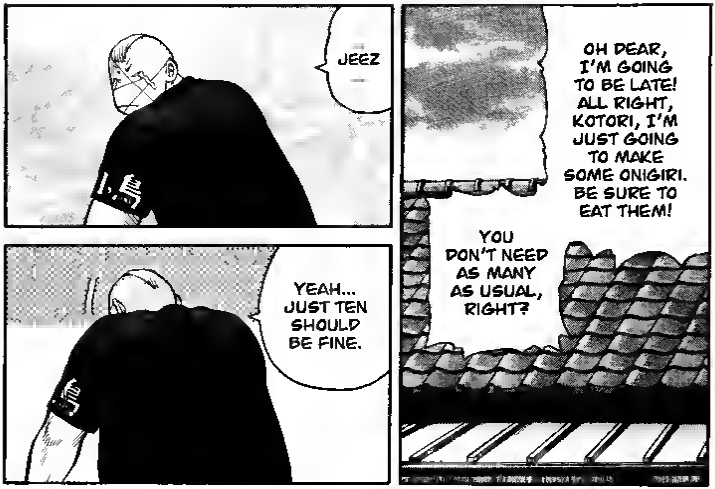
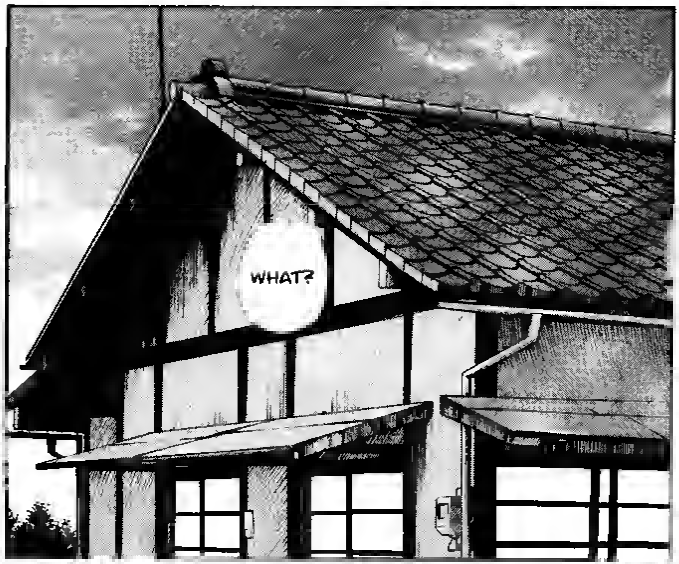
T--
TRACY
...

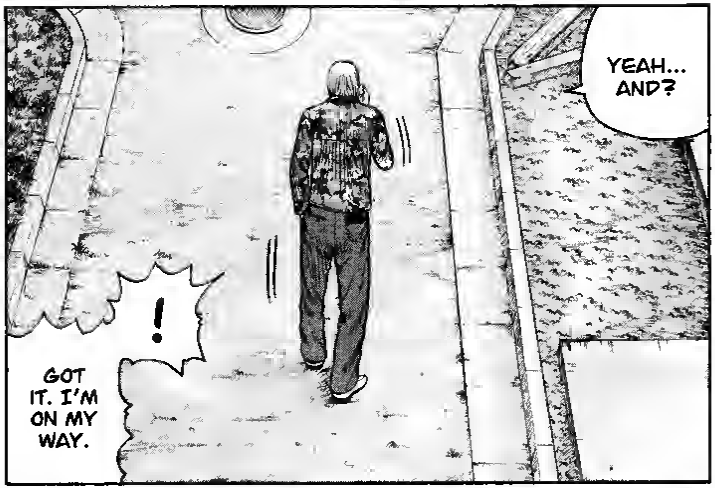
UGH
UH UGH
KOTORI! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GONNA SIT THERE?! YOUR DINNER'S GOING TOGET COLD! MOMMY'S GOTTA GO NOW!
MO-OM HOW CAN YOU BE SO COLD?! TRACY DIED, YOU KNOW?!
LIKE I COULD EAT RIGHT NOW!


JEEZ
OH DEAR, I'M GOING TO BE LATE! ALL RIGHT, KOTORI, I'M JUST GOING TO MAKE SOME ONIGIRI. BE SURE TO EAT THEM!
YOU DON'T NEED AS MANY AS USUAL, RIGHT?
YEAH... JUST TEN SHOULD BE FINE.


WHAT?

WELL... I KNOW YOU LOVED TRACY. SO I THOUGHT, Y'KNOW, I'D GET SOMETHING TO PUT BY HIS GRAVE...
HERE.
RYOU ...
UGH ...

RYOOOUUU! YOU'RE SUCH A GREAT GUY! I'M UNBELIEVABLY MOVED RIGHT NOW!
EEK... CAN'T... BREATHE ...
Y--YOU WANT TO KILL ME TOO OR SOME-THING?!
A-- ANYWAY, COME ON IN. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO HAVE DINNER. YOU LIKE ONIGIRI?
...
YEAH, IT'S ME.


YEAH... AND?
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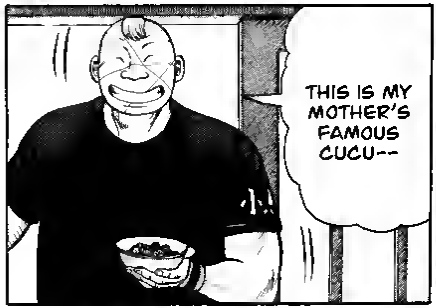
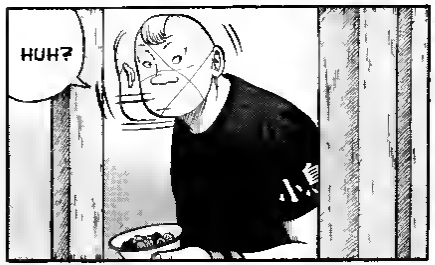
GOT IT. I'M ON MY WAY.

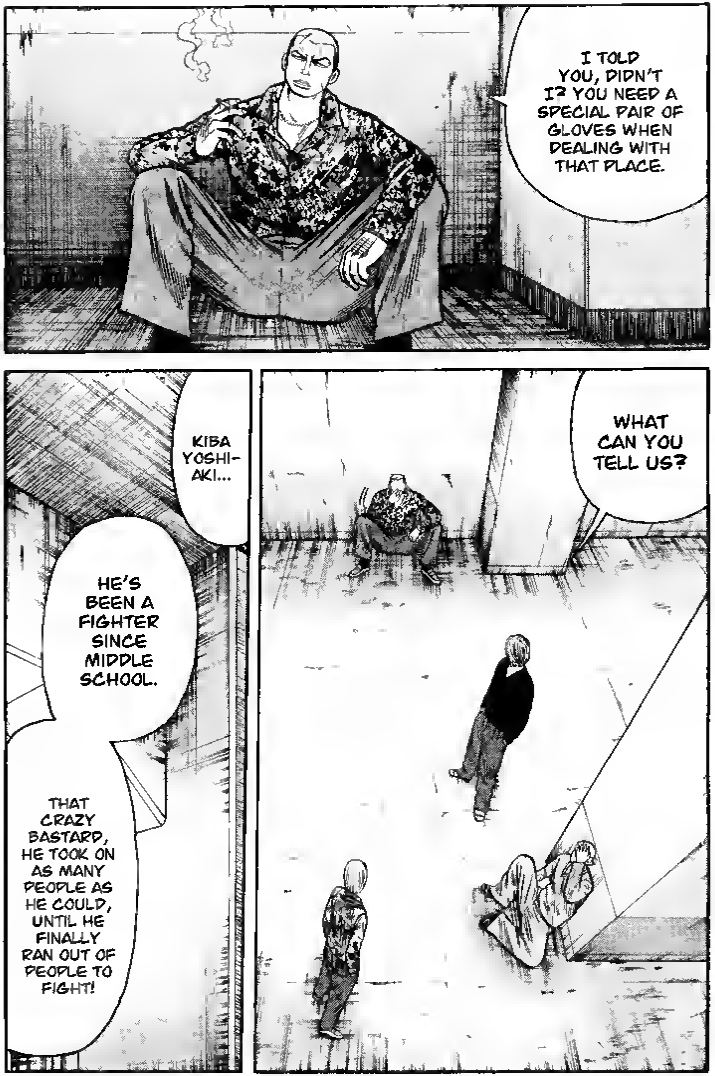

THIS IS MY MOTHER'S FAMOUS CUCU--

KOTORI, I'M SORRY, BUT SOME-THING CAME UP. I'LL BE BACK!

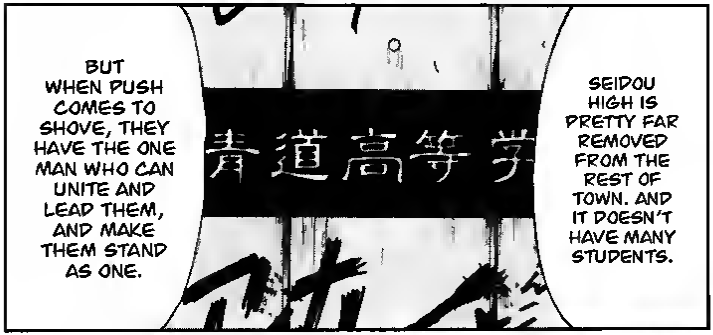

HUH?

RYOU
...

KAWAMURA, TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.
SEIDOU HIGH
IT WAS SEIDOU HIGH'S KIBA YOSHIAKI.
I WENT TO BRING HIM HERE, SAME AS USUAL, WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, HE HIT ME WITH A ROCK. THAT BASTARD'S CRAZY!


I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? YOU NEED A SPECIAL PAIR OF GLOVES WHEN DEALING WITH THAT PLACE.
WHAT CAN YOU TELL US?
KIBA YOSHI-AKI...
HE'S BEEN A FIGHTER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
THAT CRAZY BASTARD, HE TOOK ON AS MANY PEOPLE AS HE COULD, UNTIL HE FINALLY RAN OUT OF PEOPLE TO FIGHT!

RIGHT NOW HE'S THE LEADER OF THE FRESHMEN THERE.
BUT HE SUDDENLY HAD A CHANGE OF HEART WHEN HE ENTERED SEIDOU HIGH AND MET A CERTAIN MAN.


BUT WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, THEY HAVE THE ONE MAN WHO CAN UNITE AND LEAD THEM, AND MAKE THEM STAND AS ONE.
青道高等学
SEIDOU HIGH IS PRETTY FAR REMOVED FROM THE REST OF TOWN. AND IT DOESN'T HAVE MANY STUDENTS.

SO WHO IS IT?
FROM THE OUTSIDE, IT LOOKS LIKE THAT PLACE IS RUN BY UDAGAWA, BUT IN REALITY HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT MUCH POWER.
HE DOESN'T SHOW HIS FACE MUCH SO NOT MANY OUTSIDERS KNOW WHO HE IS.

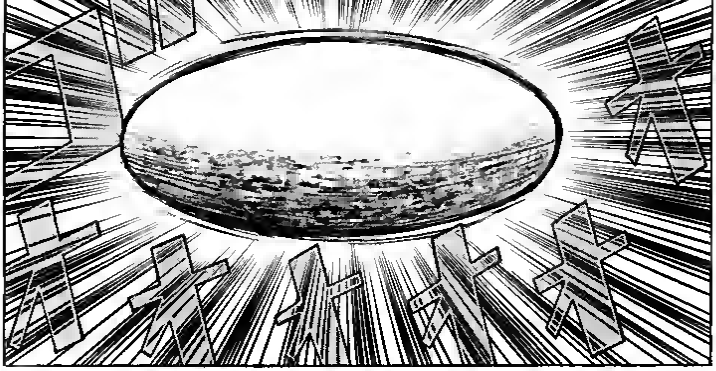
SEIDOU HIGH SENIOR, UEDA HIDETORA!
APPARENTLY, HE'S THE LAST GUY YOU WANT TO PISS OFF.
EVEN IF THIS FRESHMAN ALLIANCE OF OURS CREATES OUR PARADISE, THEY'RE STILL AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS OPPONENT.

SEIDOU HIGH... UEDA HIDETORA...

I GUESS TEN JUST REALLY AREN'T ENOUGH

WELL THEN, HERE IT COMES.
NGH!

CHAPTER 27:
KIBA YOSHIAKI'S INTRODUCTION!



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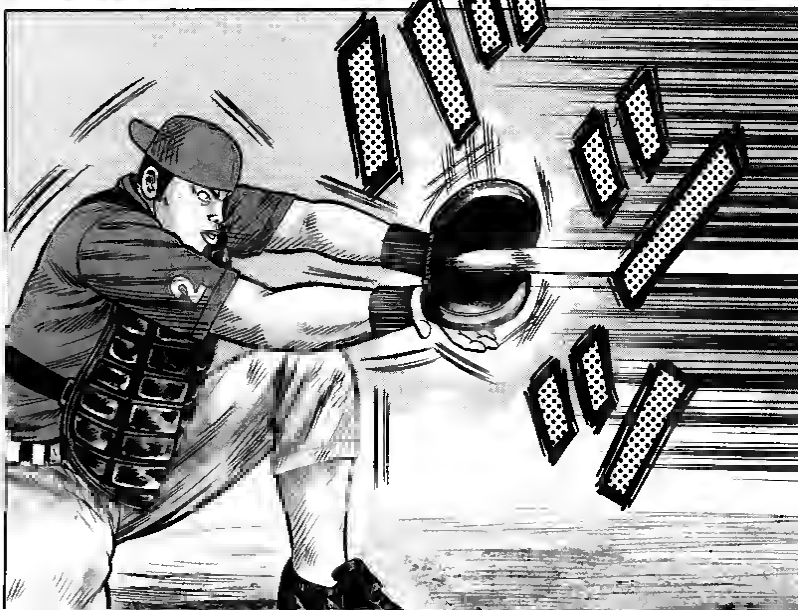

HOLY CRAP!
OH MAN!
LET'S SEE
HOW FAST WAS IT?
HEY TSUKA, WHAT'S IT SAY?!
HUH?!
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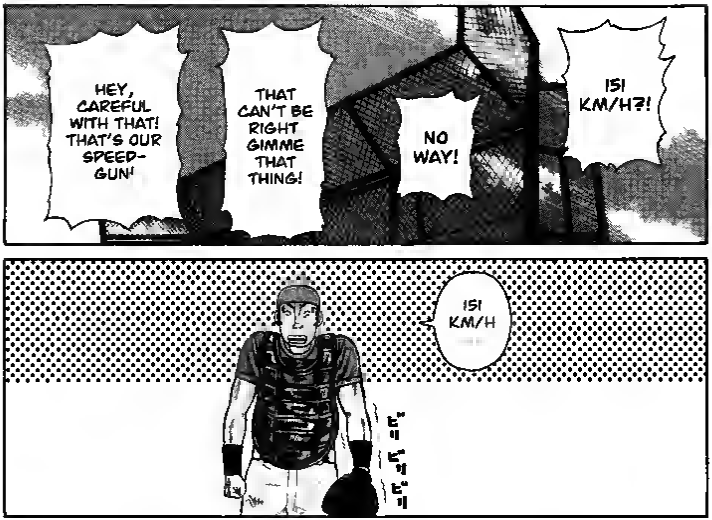
HEY, CAREFUL WITH THAT! THAT'S OUR SPEED-GUN!
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT GIMME THAT THING!
NO WAY!
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151 KM/H
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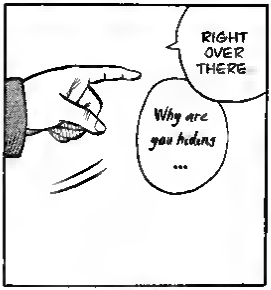
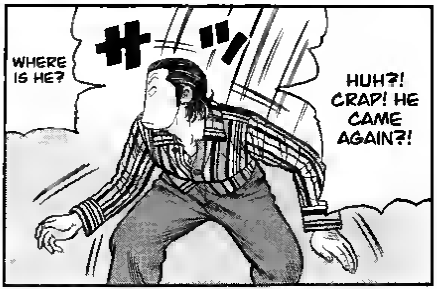
AH! I TORE MY PANTS!

IS HIDE HERE?
HEY, WHAT'S UP?
IS IT JUST ME, OR HAVE YOU BEEN SPENDING MORE TIME HERE THAN AT YOUR OWN SCHOOL?
YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST TRANSFER HERE...
HELLO!
AH! MOMO-TA-SAN! HI!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
THAT'S ACTUALLY A REALLY GOOD IDEA ...





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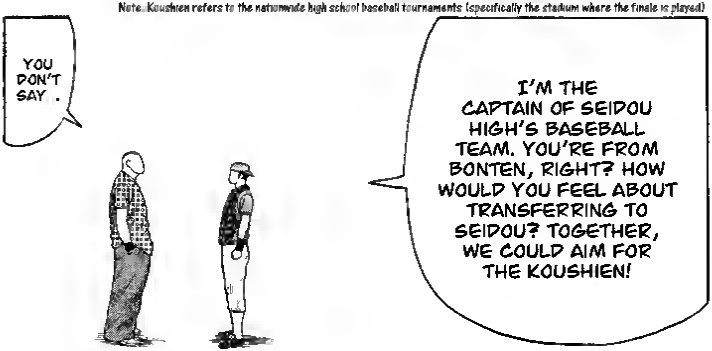
YOU DON'T SAY .
I'M THE CAPTAIN OF SEIDOU HIGH'S BASEBALL TEAM. YOU'RE FROM BONTEN, RIGHT? HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT TRANSFERRING TO SEIDOU? TOGETHER, WE COULD AIM FOR THE KOUSHIEN!

HMM.
NOWADAYS HE'S EVEN HANGING OUT WITH UDAGAWA AND NAKATSUKA-SAN...
THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THIS WEEK
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, MOMOTA-SAN?!
WHOA!
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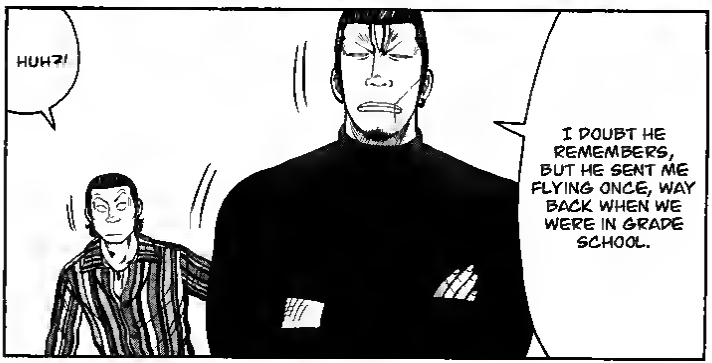
KIBA, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE, TOO ...
ALMOST GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
DOES HIDETORA-SAN HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN THAT OUTSIDER QP THAN HE DOES IN ME? DO I SEEM THAT UNRELIABLE?!
RE-- RELAX ...
I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE, KIBA. HE'S ALWAYS SAYING THAT SEIDOU HIGH IS SAFE BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE...
REALLY?!
YEAH, REALLY.

THEN HOW COME HE ALWAYS LOOKS SO HAPPY WHENEVER THAT BASTARD COMES GOOFING OFF HERE?!
H--HOW SHOULD I KNOW...

W--WAIT, KIBA, YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF TAKING ON QP ARE YOU?!
YOU'LL DIE!
I KNOW.
...


HUH?!
I DOUBT HE REMEMBERS, BUT HE SENT ME FLYING ONCE, WAY BACK WHEN WE WERE IN GRADE SCHOOL.

OVER THERE, ON THE SLIDE!
WHERE'D YOU SAY HE WAS?

HEY FATASS! GET DOWN FROM THERE!
YEAH, YOU TELL HIM, YOSHIAKI!
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WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU GO TO?! AND GET DOWN FROM THERE!
THIS HERE IS OUR PARK!
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WELL THEN, FROM TODAY, HOW ABOUT WE SAY IT'S ISHIDA KOTORI'S PARK?
SO THIS IS YOUR PARK, HUH?
WHAT?!

YOU WANT SOME OF THIS?!
HE HIT YOSHI-AKI!
UWAAH!
RUUUN
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I WAS STUCK IN THAT SAND PIT FOR OVER TWO HOURS ...
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MO-- MOMMY-YYY!

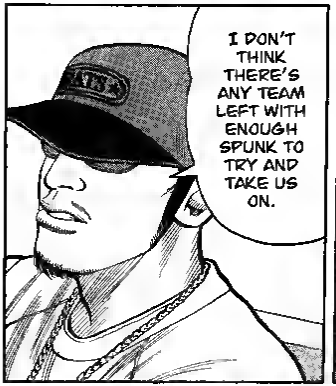
ARE YOU CRYING?!
THE NAME ISHIDA KOTORI HAS BEEN BURNED INTO MY MEMORY EVER SINCE THAT DAY.
HOWEVER!
EEK!
IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY WHEN IT COMES TO HIDETORA-SAN! I'D LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR HIM ANY DAY!
QP'S GOT NOTHING ON ME IN THAT REGARD!
OKAY ALREADY.
I'LL MAKE SURE HIDE GETS THAT.

GOOD!
EVERYONE'S HERE...

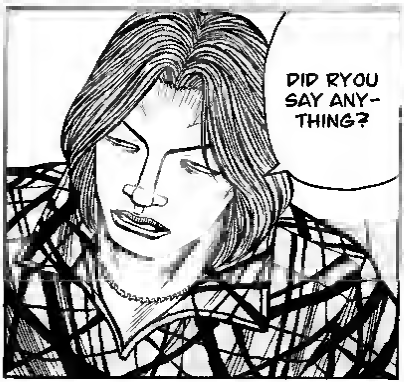
THE TIME HAS FINALLY ARRIVED FOR OUR FRESHMAN ALLIANCE TO SET SAIL!
WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY FOR ONE REASON ONLY!

ALL THE FRESHMAN AND MIDDLE SCHOOL HEADS HERE, COMBINED WITH ALL THE SOLDIERS MAKE UP A FORCE OF OVER 600 MEN!
NO ONE SHOULD EVEN *THINK* OF STANDING IN OUR WAY!
THIS TOWN IS AS GOOD AS OURS!
WHAT WE NEED TO DO NOW IS SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF TOWN TO SEE!
WE NEED TO SHOW THEM OUR STRENGTH, WHAT HAPPENS TO ANYONE WHO FIGHTS US!
EVEN SO, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOME IDIOTS WHO WISH TO REVOLT AGAINST US!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!
FINALLY, IT'S TIME FOR WAR!


I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY TEAM LEFT WITH ENOUGH SPUNK TO TRY AND TAKE US ON.

WE GONNA START WITH A BIKER GANG OR SOME-THING?


DID RYOU SAY ANY-THING?

THEN WHO ARE WE GONNA FIGHT?

SEIDOU HIGH SCHOOL!
OUR OPPONENT IS SEIDOU HIGH SCHOOL!
SEIDOU HIGH...?
ISN'T THAT PLACE WAY OUT IN THE BOONIES?
!
ARE YOU KIDDING? WE'RE GONNA FIGHT THOSE HICKS?
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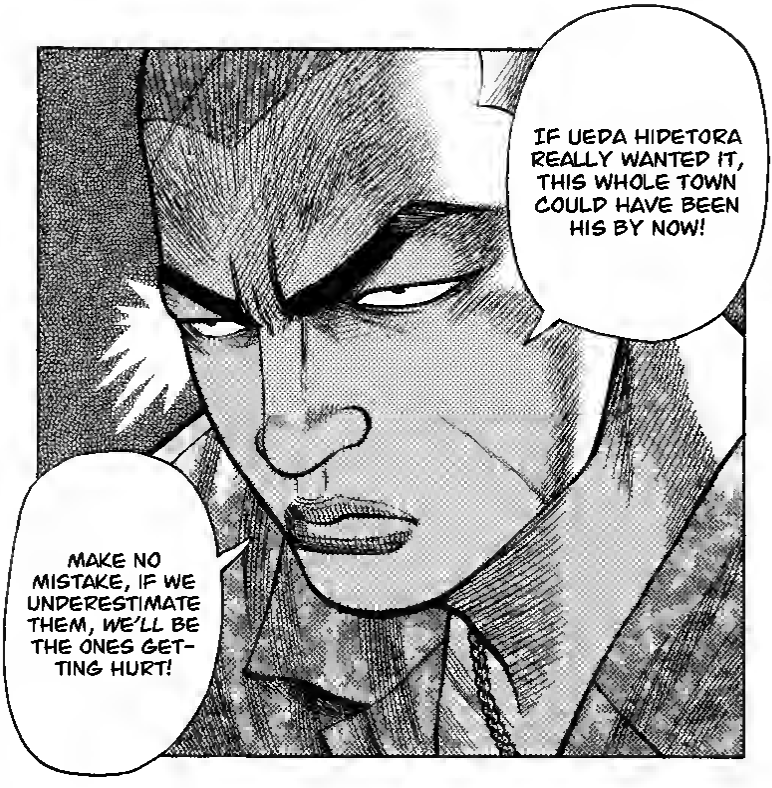
KAKAKA... HELL, YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST LEAVE THAT TO US MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! EVEN WE COULD CRUSH THEM!
THERE'S A MAN CALLED UEDA HIDETORA IN THAT PLACE ...
LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING...
ALL IT TAKES FOR A GANG TO GROW BIG, IS THREE MEN WHO ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR BOSS.
AND EVERY SINGLE GUY THERE WOULD LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR UEDA, EVEN IF IT MEANT TAKING ON ALL 600 OF US ON HIS OWN.
THAT'S SEIDOU HIGH.


IF UEDA HIDETORA REALLY WANTED IT, THIS WHOLE TOWN COULD HAVE BEEN HIS BY NOW!
MAKE NO MISTAKE, IF WE UNDERESTIMATE THEM, WE'LL BE THE ONES GET-TING HURT!

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HEEEY! KIBA!
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GLAD I FOUND YA. COME HERE FOR A SEC.
Y--- YES- SIR...
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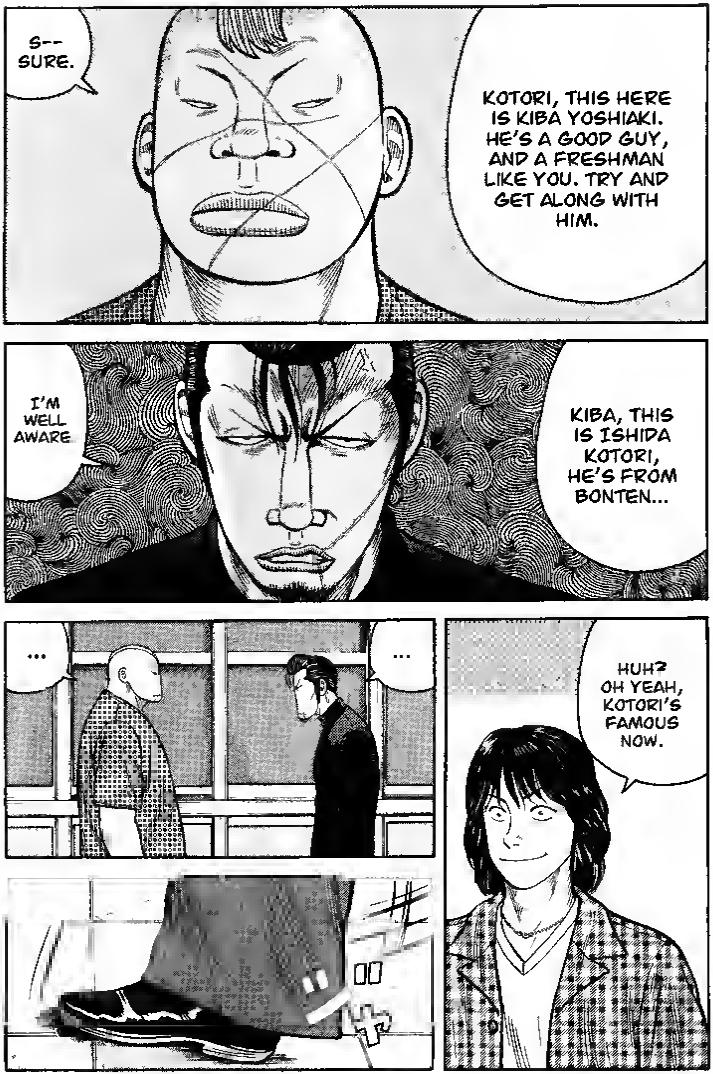
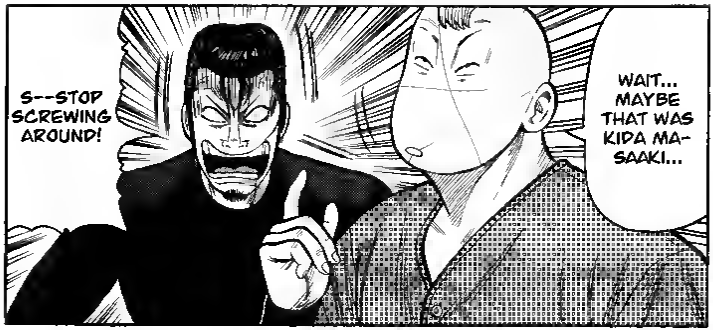
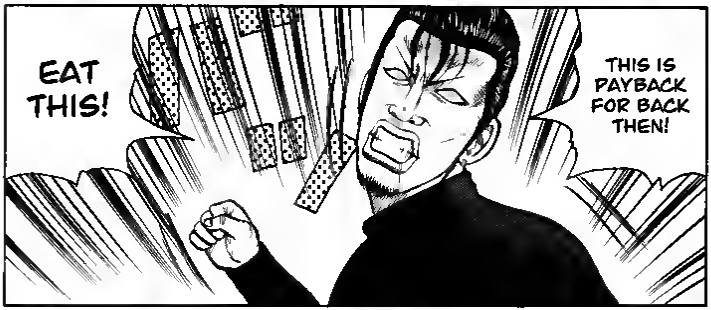
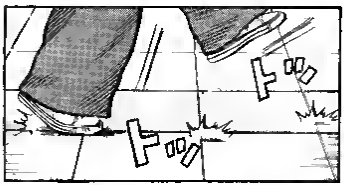

S-- SURE.
KOTORI, THIS HERE IS KIBA YOSHIAKI. HE'S A GOOD GUY, AND A FRESHMAN LIKE YOU. TRY AND GET ALONG WITH HIM.
I'M WELL AWARE
KIBA, THIS IS ISHIDA KOTORI, HE'S FROM BONTEN...
...
...
HUH? OH YEAH, KOTORI'S FAMOUS NOW.

HUH?
D--DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
KIBA YOSHIAKI?
YEAH
HMM
AH! I REMEMBER NOW!
SERIOUSLY?!
!
YOU GOT SICK ON THE BUS DURING THE FIELD TRIP IN OUR SIXTH YEAR AT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THREW UP ALL OVER THE TEACHER IN FRONT OF YOU! IN OUR FINAL YEARBOOK THAT WAS FORMALLY DESCRIBED AS THE "VOMIT STAINED FIELD TRIP."


S--STOP SCREWING AROUND!
WAIT... MAYBE THAT WAS KIDA MASAAKI...


EAT THIS!
THIS IS PAYBACK FOR BACK THEN!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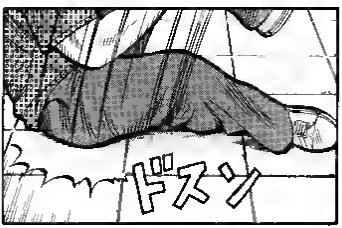
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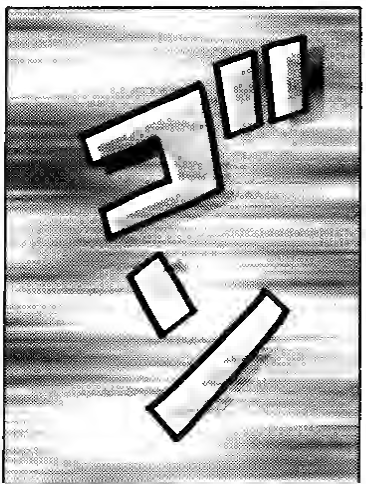
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HMPH! HOW DO YOU LIKE ME NOW?!
AH!
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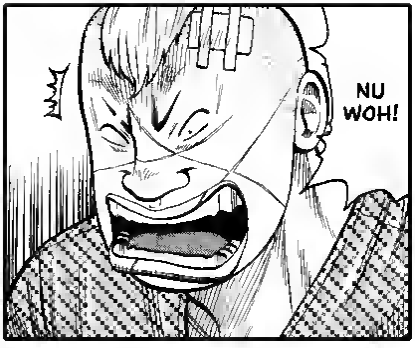
HA...
HAHA
WHAT THE HELL'S WRONG WITH YOU?!

KIBA YOSHIAKI. AFTER THIS, HE WOULD FORM A STRONG BOND WITH KOTORI...



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